**Lincolnwood Coach’s Code of Conduct**

The purpose of our coaching is to help our athletes become people of integrity and empathy who will lead, be responsible and change the world for good. Furthermore, we are leaders. Act accordingly and your players will follow suit.

* You are one of the faces of the district when activities are taking place. Be a positive example at all times.
* Be a leader of the program
* Follow board and school policies and chain of command at all times.
* Have a positive impact in the lives of our students.
	+ What you say in the community reflects on you and the school
* Be mindful never to shame a player, but to correct them in an uplifting way; Affirmation.
* Believe in every player. “In youth is where miracles are made.”
* Protect our athletes. Be big enough to build up, not tear down. Our athletes are getting attacked from many places that we don’t see and of which we are not aware.
* Put our athletes in a position where they can develop to their fullest potential through proper teaching and nurturing.
* Each player is part of OUR family as coaches. They deserve every chance to succeed and deserve the utmost respect from all of us.
* Coaches can disagree in meetings but never in front of our players or anyone else outside our family. Disagreements are saved for private meetings. Be willing to work with other programs and staff within the district to meet all the needs of our students.
* Praise in public, punish in private.
* Know when to discipline the individual, not the team and visa versa
* Our players are student-athletes and we are teacher-coaches. Keep in mind which word comes first in those two descriptions. We will hold ourselves accountable as teachers of young athletes and the lessons they need in order to navigate through masculinity/femininity and life.
* If you do not know, say so and get appropriate information. Don’t bluff the players, they know the difference.
* Remember that parents are our partners. We need to strive to work with each family in helping their student-athlete succeed.
* Love your players and other coaches.
* Know the difference between shaming and coaching. No screaming, shaming, swearing, no sarcasm.
* Don’t be afraid to apologize. We all make mistakes. When mistakes are made publicly, apologize publicly; when mistakes are made personally, apologize personally.
* We are nurturing successful people, not just successful athletes.
* Treat all opposing coaches and their teams with the honor true competitors deserve.
* Respect all referees, officials, and timekeepers. They are imperfect and trying their best just as we are.
* Be able to give constructive criticism. Be able to get constructive criticism.
* Regardless of wins and losses, we will be successful if we carry out the above items.

*Because I am a role model who has the power, position, and platform to make a positive difference in the lives of my players, I commit to this code of conduct. When failing to live up to our standards I will allow for accountability and take responsibility for my actions.*

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