

## Guardian Lutheran School Athletic Code for Coaches

The coach is the official representative of our school at an athletic event. In this important capacity, these standards should be practiced:

1. Develop an understanding of the role of the athletic program at Guardian and communicate it to the parents and players.
  - a. Have a mandatory parent meeting before the season starts to explain your philosophy of coaching and what is expected of the athletes (practice schedule, academics policy, attendance at practice, willingness to listen to the coach and work hard to learn the skills) as well as the parents (pick up athletes on time, drive to games, tournament/game helpers, statisticians, scoreboard).
  
2. Develop an up to date knowledge of the rules, strategies, precautions, and skills of the sport and communicate them to the players and parents.
  - a. Talk to the Athletic Director to be informed of any rule changes in league play.
  - b. JV teams are created to teach skills, rule, playing experience, and excitement for the game. At this level, all participants will play.
  - c. Varsity teams are created to enhance the previously learned skills and strategies of the game. Positions to play are earned at practice. While we cannot always win, we will enter the competition to win.
  - d. Take a first aid/CPR class and the online Concussion class (one time only) to be prepared for any injury that may occur while you are with the athletes. NOTE: A copy of the Concussion certificate must be given to the Athletic Director to be kept on file.)
  
3. Develop, communicate, and model Guardian policies for athletes in actions and language in the locker room, at practice, during travel, during competition - on and off the playing surface.
  - a. The coach has an obligation to God. He/she should reflect His love in all actions.
  - b. The coach has an obligation to the school. The coach is a visible person around school and in the community. He/she should reflect behavior and conduct that is in accordance with that of Guardian.
  - c. The coach has an obligation to the parents of his/her athletes. He/she should treat the athletes as if they were his/her own children.
  - d. The coach has an obligation to his/her athletes to train them in the skills necessary to play the game successfully. Most teams reflect the personality of the coach and we will strive for the best possible reflection from our teams. Coaches must teach the athletes how to deal with winning and losing. Sportsmanship is important!
  - e. The coach has an obligation to the athletic department to abide by the school rules and be supportive of any decisions made by the school.

The Athletic Directory(s) will meet with each coach before the season to go over these expectations. We will also discuss uniforms, equipment management, first aid, supervision of the children after practice and at games, and athletic eligibility.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, understand the responsibilities of coaching at Guardian. I am aware of the expectations and policies in place and will work to the best of my ability to make the season a great learning experience for the children at Guardian.

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Coach's Signature

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Athletic Director's Signature