

SACRED HEART ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION RULES AND CODE OF CONDUCT FOR COACHES

At Sacred Heart Elementary School (“SHES”), youth sports programs always strive to practice and instill the Christian values taught at SHES, and coaches play a vital role in that regard. It is, therefore, essential for coaches to encourage SHES student athletes to embrace the values of good sportsmanship and teamwork and should lead by example by demonstrating fairness, respect and self-control. Therefore, all SHES athletic program coaches shall be subject to the following guidelines:

1. SHES and the Sacred Heart Athletic Association (“SHAA”) expects its coaches to be of the highest ethical and moral character and coaches must treat students, parents, administrators, opposing coaches and players, and officials with the utmost respect. When you coach for SHES you represent SHES and, therefore, must reflect its values. Coaches must also recognize that they are role models for SHES students and, as such, should always adopt a positive attitude and adhere to the principles of good sportsmanship. Confrontational, abusive and/or disrespectful behavior will not be tolerated.
2. SHES coaches must always consider the welfare of their players in making decisions.
3. Every coach, while part of a particular sport, is a part of the SHAA and part of the larger Diocese of Pittsburgh Athletic programs and, therefore, must direct his or her program in a manner consistent all rules, policies and guidelines of the SHAA and Diocese.
4. Every coach is responsible for educating his or her players on the proper way to conduct themselves at practices, games and when travelling to other schools. Again, all participants in SHES sports must recognize that they represent SHES and must do so with pride and in a manner reflecting SHES values.
5. Every coach must be knowledgeable about their sport and must direct his or her team in a manner which teaches the goals established by the SHAA.
6. Any person interested in coaching at SHES is required to have up-to-date clearances as required by the SHAA and the Diocese of Pittsburgh.
7. Any person interested in coaching at SHES is required to complete all health and safety training and instruction required by the SHAA and/or the Diocese of Pittsburgh.
8. Each head coach is responsible for attending any SHAA and/or Diocese of Pittsburgh coaches’ meetings.
9. All coaches must attend any meetings set by the SHAA, which may include an initial parent meeting.

10. By volunteering to be a coach at SHES you are committing to SHES athletics and your particular team. All coaches must make every effort to attend every practice and game. Coaches who miss multiple practices or games may be removed from their position.
11. Communication is vitally important, and coaches must provide timely and thorough communication to parents regarding schedules and any team issues. Coaches should also be in possession of, or have ready access to, emergency contact information for every child on his or her team.
12. Coaches must make themselves available to speak with parents to address any questions or issues parents have.
13. Coaches should not leave any game or practice without first ensuring that every player has been picked up by a parent.