

## Coaches' Sportsmanship Pledge

As a coach whose school is a member of the South Carolina High School League, I know that I am a role model for my school and community and that I have been entrusted to develop the game skills for my student-athletes, but more importantly their character.

Therefore,

- I will exemplify professional behavior and leadership with strong ethical standards.
- I will respect the integrity and personality of the individual athlete.
- I will teach my student-athletes the principles of good sportsmanship: integrity, fairness and respect.
- I will describe and define respectful and disrespectful behavior. Stressing that disrespectful behavior, such as taunting, trash talking, and intimidation will not be tolerated.
- I will respect the integrity and judgment of game officials.
- I will respect my opponents.
- I will teach my athletes to play fairly and to respect the rules, officials and opponents.
- I will minimize coaching behaviors that could incite my players and crowd.
- I will teach student-athletes how to win and lose graciously.

I hereby accept and understand the seriousness of my responsibilities and the privilege of representing my school, my community, my region and the South Carolina High School League.

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Coach Signature

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