

Coach's Code of Conduct

Because coaches should apply their gifts, talents, and efforts whole-heartily to the Lord, and because His testimony is at stake in every public competition, certain expectations must be met.

1. I acknowledge that the primary goal of the Frederick Warriors basketball team is to develop Godly character in myself and in my players through the sport of basketball. As such, the Warriors exist to bring glory to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
2. I will remember that a coach is first and foremost a role model and teacher. I will strive to have Christ-like thoughts, attitudes, behaviors, and actions during all Warrior events. As such, the whole of my behavior will be modeled after His life. I will therefore demonstrate responsible, polite behavior toward coaches, officials, participants, and spectators; as well as good sportsmanship, good citizenship, and self-discipline even when provoked, either personally, or on behalf of others (Unacceptable behavior includes receiving Warnings / Technical Fouls for character / conduct issues). All coaches are expected to be role models and therefore must have attitudes and conduct that are above reproach. In Colossians 3, the Bible tells the characteristics of the Christian life. The lives of Frederick Warrior coaches should be much the same. Each coach should study this chapter thoroughly and decide whether or not they can be that type of role model.
3. I will place the spiritual, emotional, and physical well-being of my players ahead of any personal desire to achieve success. I will inform them that their walk with the Lord, their family responsibilities, and their academics come first. I will inform the parents of any physical injury a player should sustain as well as any emotional incident of magnitude (e.g., player crying, etc.).
4. I will teach my players using encouragement and constructive criticism. I will not shame my players in an attempt to improve their performance or for any other reason. I will do my best to organize practices that are fun and challenging for all my players and effective in skill development.
5. I will encourage good sportsmanship in my players for other players, coaches, and officials at every game, practice, or other team event. I will be respectful to the Recreation Center/School officials, game referees, other coaches and players, and all spectators present and set a positive tone in support of my team and its players. Any actions demeaning to officials, coaches, players, or spectators will not be tolerated.
6. I will refrain from excessive displays of temper, loss of self-control, use of profanity or abusive language, or the making of obscene gestures.
7. I will require a sports environment for my players that is free from drugs, alcohol, tobacco, and profanity. I will refrain from their use at all team events.
8. I will do my very best to provide a safe play environment for my players and to give them the immediate attention needed to treat injuries. I will remember to treat each

player as a special creation of God, mindful of the spread of emotional and physical development present in the group. I will do my very best to improve the abilities of each player, regardless of his or her natural ability.

9. I will ensure that I am knowledgeable in the rules of basketball, and that I will teach these rules to my players.
10. I will inform the Board of Directors of any problems that arise between players that can't be resolved so that they can be handled in a Godly way with the understanding that I am responsible for the team and team conduct.
11. I will submit to a criminal background investigation and complete formal Child Protection Training prior to any engagement with players. I will ensure that no private 1 on 1 exposure between a player and myself occurs. I will observe other coaches interactions with players and if anything is of concern I will report it to the President of the Frederick Warriors.
12. Any action which discredits the Frederick Warriors and which is not specifically covered in the Code of Conduct may lead to disciplinary action.

Failure to adhere to this Code of Conduct may lead to suspension or dismissal.

The 1st infraction of this Code of Conduct results in a meeting between the coach and the Board of Directors; the 2nd infraction leads to suspension for a game; the 3rd infraction leads to dismissal for the season.

Coach's Signature