



TACA Coaching Contract

I, _____, acknowledge that I have read and agree to the following TACA Coaching guidelines listed below by placing my initials beside each item. If I am selected as a TACA Coach, I understand that I will be accountable to the Players, Parents and the other TACA Coaches to uphold these guidelines to the best of my ability, as a blessing to the young men I am coaching and to the glory of God.

I will strive to be an example of mercy and grace to the players. People make mistakes. I will not belittle any player for errors on or off the field, rather I will seek to use such times as a teachable moments and help the player to persevere through these hard time with dignity. **Titus 2:6-7b Similarly, encourage the young men to be self-controlled. In everything set them an example by doing what is good. In your teaching show integrity, seriousness and soundness of speech that cannot be condemned...**

I will strive to remain humble in both victory and defeat. **Proverbs 24:17 Do not gloat when your enemy falls; when they stumble, do not let your heart rejoice....**

I will strive to show respect for authority. Right or wrong, the officials call the game. I will not sully the name of Christ, for whom I stand, by arguing with officials. If I need to speak to an official, I will do so in a controlled, respectful manner. Further, I will not "throw the official under the bus" to excuse my bad behavior or any loss or penalty on the field. **I Peter 2:13a Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every human authority...**

I will strive to avoid the use of profanity and demeaning speech on all occasions. **James 3:9-10 With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse human beings, who have been made in God's likeness. Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this should not be.**

I will resist the urge to engage in altercations of any kind, verbal or physical, including "trash talk". If I am aggressed I will strive to not respond with aggression, choosing instead to turn the other cheek and separate myself from such situations. **Matthew 5:5 Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.**

I will mindfully guard the use of all social media (text, blogs, tweets, etc) to ensure that anything I post about TACA, our players, parents, coaches and opponents reflects courtesy, humility, graciousness and good sportsmanship. **Philippians 4:8 Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable - if anything is excellent or praiseworthy - think about such things.**

I will strive to manage my time wisely, showing up for practice and games on time. If I am unavoidably delayed, I will contact another member of the Coaching staff or the Team Administrator immediately. **Ecclesiastes 3:1 There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens....**

I acknowledge it is a privilege to use all facilities. Therefore, fields, benches, locker rooms, stands, and grounds are left clean and orderly after every game and/or practice. I will lead by example as I teach the players the motto: Leave it better than you found it.

Luke 6:31 Do to others as you would have them do to you.

I will consciously view players and families from other faiths not as opponents to my faith, but rather as an opportunity for the Holy Spirit to work through me to share the hope that is in me through Christ. I will make every effort to "lay down my life" by being welcoming, encouraging, and expressing the love of Christ through my words and actions. **Romans 15:7 Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God.**

TACA 24-Hour Guidelines for Conflict Resolution

If a Player and/or Parent has a concern or complaint, they are to wait 24-Hours, and then they may “approach the coach”. The Player and/or Parent must not take the issue sideways to other players or parents. The Player and/or Parent may email, text or call the Coach only to request a meeting. All issues need to be resolved face to face in a calm, respectful manner.

Likewise, Coaches with a concern or complaint will wait 24-Hours before contacting a Player and/or Parent. Coaches must not take the issue sideways to other coaches, players or parents. Coaches may use email, text or call only to request a meeting. All issues need to be resolved face to face in a calm, respectful manner.

No “anonymous” emails, texts or telephone calls are to be sent, and none should be responded to by any involved party.

Colossians 3:12-13 Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.

As a Coach, I understand that a Player and/or Parent may contact me with a complaint. Should this happen, I will make every effort to be affable and to work with them to seek full resolution. I will only respond to complaints that follow the TACA 24-Hour Guidelines. I will make every effort possible to reconcile with the Player and/or Parent.

As a Coach, I understand that I may need to address a difficult issue with a Player and/or Parent. I agree to abide by the TACA 24-hour guidelines before contacting that Player and/or Parent. I will make every effort possible to reconcile with the Player and/or Parent.

As a TACA Coach, I recognize that there are high expectations for my conduct on, and off the field. I agree to adhere to the above guidelines, and understand that failure to live up to the terms of this contract may result in restricted participation and/or my termination from the team.

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Coach's Signature

Date

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