**COACHES CODE OF CONDUCT**

The coach/student-athlete relationship is a privileged one. Coaches play a critical role in the personal and athletic development of their student-athletes. Therefore, coaches are expected to model the fundamentally positive aspects of school sport. Coaches, including community coaches:

272.0 **RULES OF CONDUCT**

272.1 Shall recognize that school sport is an extension of the classroom, and shall conduct themselves accordingly when performing coaching duties;

272.2 Shall observe the Competitive Rules and Regulations of BCSS, and those of their local athletic association and applicable sport commission;

272.3 Shall observe the rules of the sport, the spirit of the rules of the sport, and shall encourage student-athletes to do the same;

272.4 Shall fulfil all competition, invitational, playoff and championship competitive and event obligations, in accordance with athletic association policy, sport commission policy and tournament-related agreements;

272.5 Shall treat all participants fairly and equitably, by refraining from discriminating against any student-athlete with respect to race, color, ancestry, place of origin, religion, family status, physical or mental disability, sex or sexual orientation;

272.6 Shall respect the rulings of officials without gesture or argument, and shall require student-athletes to do the same;

272.7 Shall not use foul, profane, harassing or offensive language or gestures in the conduct of coaching duties;

272.8 Shall not use physical force of any kind in the conduct of coaching duties;

272.9 Shall not, under any circumstances, endorse, recommend, or suggest the use of performance-enhancing drugs or supplements by any student-athlete;

272.10 Shall abstain from the use of tobacco products and alcohol while in the presence of student-athletes, and shall discourage their use by student-athletes;

272.11 Shall not, under any circumstances, require or imply that a student-athlete must be involved in any summer program or club program as part of his/her responsibilities as a school team member;

272.12 Shall not, under any circumstances, require or imply that a student-athlete cannot or should not participate in any BCSS-approved sport in the season preceding or following the coach’s season of play; and

272.13 Shall not, under any circumstances, start pre-season tryouts or practices to the detriment of any in-season sport.

Shall not, either directly, or indirectly, encourage a student to attend a particular school for the purposes of participating in interschool sports. **This is perceived as recruiting as outlined in policy 261.1**

I have read and understood all the Coaches Code of conduct as laid out by BC School Sports

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Coaches’ Name Coaches’ Signature Date

Please sign this form each year of coaching. Hand it to the office where it will be kept for the year.