



Southern Lehigh School District Coaches' Code of Conduct

(Updated April 2026)

All Southern Lehigh Coaches must:

- If a head coach: attend a mandatory preseason meeting and review the contents with their assistant coaches (both paid and volunteer). If an assistant coach: the head coach will go over the contents of the meeting with all assistant coaches (both paid and volunteer).
- Abide by the rules and regulations of the PIAA, District XI, Colonial League and SL Coach's Handbook.
- Provide proper supervision of student-athletes while under the coach's direction.
- Be responsible to ensure that the health, well-being, and development of athletes take precedence over the win/loss record.
- Accept that they do serve as role models and there must be congruency between their actions and words.
- Provide a physically and emotionally safe environment for practices and competition. The Southern Lehigh Hazing policy states the practice of hazing in connection with any District sport, club, or activity sponsored by or affiliated in any way with the Southern Lehigh School District is strictly forbidden. See School Board Policy 123.4.
- Exemplify honest, integrity, fair play, and sportsmanship regardless of the impact that might have upon the outcome of the competition.
- Maintain a professional demeanor in their relationships with athletes, officials, colleagues, administrators, and the public and treat all others with respect and dignity.
- Be committed to the education of their athletes and encourage academic achievement.
- Discourage the use of offensive/ abusive/ inappropriate language at all times. (SLSD has zero tolerance for this action.)
- Teach and reinforce responsible personal, social, and ethical behavior of all people involved in the sport program.
- Provide athletes with responsibility and leadership opportunities.
- Plan and implement daily practice activities that maximize time on task and available resources.
- Use effective communication skills to enhance individual learning, group success, and enjoyment in the sport experience.
- Inappropriate non-instructional physical contact with student athletes must be avoided. However, socially acceptable forms of celebratory gestures are permissible. Examples may include hand shaking and "high fives."

Coach's Signature_____

Coach's Printed Name_____

Date_____