

CODE OF ETHICS

The function of a coach is to educate students through participation in Interscholastic competition. The Academic Decathlon program is designed to enhance academic achievement. Each student's welfare should be uppermost at all times. Accordingly, the following guidelines for coaches have been adopted by the USAD and KAD Boards of Directors.

The Coach shall be aware that he/she has a tremendous influence, for either good or ill, on the education of the student decathlete and, thus, shall always place the value of instilling the highest ideals of character above the value of winning.

The Coach shall conduct themselves with honor and dignity in all personal contact with student decathletes, officials, volunteers, school administrators, the State and National Decathlon association, the media, and the public. The coach shall strive to set an example of the highest ethical and moral conduct.

The Coach shall avoid the use of illegal drugs and alcohol when in contact with decathletes.

The Coach shall promote the entire interscholastic program of the school and direct his/her program in harmony with the total school program.

The Coach shall understand the contest rules and shall teach them to his/her team members. The coach shall not seek an advantage by circumvention of the spirit or letter of the rules.

The Coach shall exert his/her influence to enhance sportsmanship and competition.

The Coach shall respect and support officials and volunteers.

A Coach shall not exert pressure on faculty members and/or staff to give student decathletes special consideration.

A Coach shall practice ethical conduct in regard to vendors, media, peers, and not participate in any relationship with a vendor, the media, or peers that is a conflict of interest to gives the appearance of a conflict of interest with the independent nature of the Academic Decathlon operations and competitions.

School _____

Administrator _____ Signature _____ Date _____

Coach _____ Signature _____ Date _____
