



## EXPECTATIONS OF BVCH EA COACHES

- Exemplify Christ-like leadership, attitude, and behavior at all times. Lead by example and understand that you are an important role model for the student athletes. Demonstrate respect to officials and exhibit self-control even in difficult game situations. Remember, you are the public face of BVCH EA.
- Have a regular devotion and prayer time with your team. Pray with your team before or after practices and games.
- Treat every athlete with dignity and respect. Encourage and support your athletes at all times. You are a significant influence in their lives.
- Adopt Philippians 2:3-4 as a guiding principle for coaches and players: “Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. In humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of others.”
- Monitor the behavior of players and fans at athletic events. As the organization’s representative, you have the authority to ask students or parents to leave the game if they are being disruptive or abusive.
- Be fair and judicious with playing time in games. Communicate with players and parents so they understand what to expect. **Participation is a priority over winning in middle school and high school JV. If your roster numbers do not allow for a JV team, make sure every player gets playing time on Varsity.** The Board leaves Varsity playing time to your discretion but reserves the right to discuss situations as they arise. Games in which Mustangs have a significant lead are a perfect opportunity for players with less experience to gain experience.
- Encourage competition without humiliation. Instilling a competitive spirit in your players builds their confidence and love for the game, but a competitive attitude should never result in humiliation of a teammate or opponent. Monitor your players’ attitudes toward their teammates and opponents. Avoid taunting at all times. Avoid excessive celebration in games where Mustangs have a significant lead.
- Be organized and on time for all practices and games. Be mindful of the stated end time for practice. Assign a timekeeper or set an alert on your phone if necessary.
- Bring a medical kit, including ice packs, to each practice and game.

- Use TeamSideline and the TS App as the primary means of communication with the team. High School age players can be enrolled in the app. If players wish to create their own chat group, ask them to use GroupMe instead of a group text.
- Keep a record of your basic team statistics on Max Preps. It is important to stay current so parents, alumni, and opponents can stay current.
- Keep track of all equipment and uniforms on a regular basis. At the end of the season all equipment and uniforms should be cleaned and placed in the BVCHEA storage unit.
- Communicate any problems to the Athletic Directors ASAP.
- Encourage responsible social media behavior among athletes. BVCHEA does not actively seek student violations occurring outside of practices/games; however, a student's behavior impacts our homeschool community. If a questionable behavior is brought to the attention of the board/coaches, there is an obligation to investigate carefully, and when necessary, hold students accountable for the standard of behavior appropriate for a BVCHEA athlete. This would include behavior on social outings, pictures posted, or statements made on social media sites, content of text messages, and the like.
- Notify the Athletic Directors if any injuries occur during practices or games. We must know about injuries for insurance purposes, and there are forms that need to be filled out. If ANY head injury occurs, the athlete must be cleared to play by an appropriate healthcare professional and a written statement must be submitted for reinstating participation for that athlete. Follow TAIIO concussion protocol.
- Read and be familiar with the guidelines set by TAIIO. As a coach, it is your responsibility to make sure that your sport is abiding by TAIIO general rules and sport-specific plans.
- Comply with TAIIO required coach training. All head coaches must complete specific coach training every 2 years.
- Make every effort to attend the end of season athletic banquet for parents and athletes. At this event, you will present athletes with awards specific to your sport. These awards are left to your discretion. It is acceptable to give a certificate to all players, but only choose a few players for special awards. Coaches will need to order these awards on their own, in a timely manner, using what funds are available for their particular sport.
- Before purchasing items for your sport, discuss the purchase with your board liaison and/or the treasurer to make sure that the team has the available funds. Before purchasing uniforms, check with a board member regarding uniform colors and logos. Coaches requesting a reimbursement must provide all receipts to the board treasurer (treasurer@bvchea.org).