

## **Department of Student Recreation, Fitness and Wellness Sport Clubs Coach's Code of Conduct and Responsibilities**

*\*Please acknowledge the following statements by initialing each.\**

\_\_\_\_\_. I accept that student's academic responsibilities supersede all athletic responsibilities. (College Degree FIRST, and Sport Club SECOND)

\_\_\_\_\_. I will assure all injuries are reported in a timely manner to the Director of Student Recreation, Fitness and Wellness.

\_\_\_\_\_. I understand that my actions, positive or negative, are representative of Lewis University and the Department of Student Recreation, Fitness and Wellness. I will practice good sportsmanship at all practices, scrimmages, and games, win or lose. I will conduct myself to maintain the highest principles, integrity, and dignity of Lewis University, Sport clubs and my sport in general. I will expect the same of my team on and off the field.

\_\_\_\_\_. I understand that my position requires leadership skills that must encourage full participation in meeting the goals of the club and its members. I am responsible for the actions of my team as well as my own and must be especially aware of what is going on at all times when traveling.

\_\_\_\_\_. I accept that participation in sport clubs is an opportunity and a privilege, not a right. I will always adhere to the rules established by Lewis University and the Department of Student Recreation, Fitness and Wellness.

\_\_\_\_\_. I understand that all practices and games are considered DRY EVENTS, the presence and consumption of alcohol or illegal substances is strictly prohibited. I will neither use nor support the use of illegal drugs; I will neither abuse nor support the abuse of alcohol.

\_\_\_\_\_. I will not physically, mentally, or psychologically haze anyone as I respect the dignity of all persons.

\_\_\_\_\_. I will do all in my power to see that practice, scrimmage, and game sites are clean after use, both of trash and equipment, and thus maintained for future events.

\_\_\_\_\_. I respect the authority of all game officials. I shall treat all game officials in a professional and courteous manner at all times. I shall neither exhibit nor tolerate any behavior from others (staff an team) - verbal or otherwise - that is disrespectful to an official or an opposing team/coach.

\_\_\_\_\_. I accept the notion that a student's strong desire to compete and succeed will in no way compromise the respect for the rules and opposing teams.

\_\_\_\_\_. Actions of myself or the team will never deliberately jeopardize the safety and well being of opponents, teammates, officials, or spectators.

\_\_\_\_\_. I will challenge my team to abide by these obligations and will confront those who violate them.

\_\_\_\_\_. I shall never interfere with the duties and jurisdiction of other departments of an institution, including but not limited to admissions, compliance, and the various academic disciplines.

\_\_\_\_\_. I will never place the value of a win above the objective of instilling the highest ideals and character traits in my players. The safety and welfare of the players will always be the utmost importance, and will never be sacrificed for personal prestige or personal gain.

\_\_\_\_\_. I will never teach my players tactics or skills designed to circumvent the intent of the rulebook and the standards of fair play.

\_\_\_\_\_. Whenever players exhibit unsportsmanlike behavior on their own, it is my responsibility as the coach to address that behavior and put an end to it. I shall constantly be alert to see that my team is conducting and promoting themselves properly.

\_\_\_\_\_. I am responsible for myself and my team knowing, understanding, and following all rules of the game as established and directed by the conference in which my team participates.

By signing below, I agree to have fully read and understand the contents of this policy. I understand the expectations set forth by this policy and will uphold said expectations at all times during my enrollment/employment as a Coach of a Sport Club team. Adherence of coaches to a code of conduct is largely a voluntary matter. However, if a coach does not follow this code by engaging in gross misconduct, their relationship with the Lewis University Sport Club program may be terminated. Understand your signature confirms your willingness to work within the guidelines of the Sport Club program.

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Coach Signature

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