COACHES’ CODE OF ETHICS

The function of a coach is to educate student-athletes through participation in interscholastic competition. The student-athletes’ welfare should be uppermost at all times. Accordingly, the following guidelines for coaches have been adopted by the National Federation of High School Coaches and modified for Central Bucks School District:

1. **The coach** shall be aware that he/she has a tremendous influence, for either good or ill, on the education of the student-athlete and, thus, shall never place the value of winning above the value of instilling the highest ideals of character.

2. **The coach** shall uphold the honor and dignity of the position. In all personal contact with student-athletes, officials, athletic directors, school administrators, the state high school athletic association, the media, and the public, the coach shall strive to set an example of the highest ethical conduct.

3. **The coach** should actively discourage the use of drugs, alcohol and tobacco.

4. **The coach** shall not use alcohol or tobacco products when in contact with players.

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

6. **The coach** knows the contest rules and teaches them to his or her team members. The coach shall not seek an advantage by circumvention of the rules.

7. **The coach** shall strive to enhance sportsmanship by working closely with cheerleaders, pep club sponsors, booster clubs, and administrators.

8. **The coach** shall respect and support contest officials. The coach shall not indulge in conduct which would incite players or spectators against the officials. Public criticism of officials or players is unethical.

9. **The coach** will meet and exchange cordial greetings with contest officials and opposing coaches to set the correct tone for competition before and after contests.

10. **The coach** shall not exert pressure on faculty members to give student-athletes special consideration.

11. **The coach** shall uphold the expectations, and responsibilities included in, but not limited by, the CB Coaches’ Handbook/Resource Guide.

I have read, understand, and will follow the above Central Bucks School District Code of Ethics

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(Print Name)  Signature of Coach  Date