

## **Code of Conduct for Parents/Legal Guardians**

Being a parent or legal guardian of a student athlete of the school's athletic team carries certain expectations and responsibilities. During athletic events, including but not limited to practices and contests, the parent or legal guardian represents her or his school and community. The parent or legal guardian is therefore obligated to uphold the rules and responsibilities of attending high school athletic events. Some of the expectations that the school staff require of the parent or legal guardian are outlined below.

### **A. Parent/Legal Guardian Responsibilities:**

1. Teach your children the value of education and good citizenship.
2. Refrain from criticizing officials, coaches, spectators or the student athletes.
3. Understand and support the DOE and KCA policies, school, and athletic department rules.
4. Respecting the judgment of the coach in regards to team selection, playing time, strategy and coaching philosophy.
5. Do not smoke or drink alcohol at any high school athletic events.

**B. Steps to Address Parent/Legal Guardian Concerns:** Parents and legal guardians may have concerns dealing with their child's participation on a school athletic team. Certain steps should be followed in addressing these concerns. Parents and legal guardians should not confront the coach before or after a practice session and a game or contest.

1. Have your child speak to the coach about the concern.
2. Make an appointment to meet with the coach about the concern.
3. Make an appointment to meet with the athletic director about the concern.
4. Make an appointment to meet with the principal about the concern.