**COACHING ASSUMPTIONS**

Please read and make sure you understand and can implement and follow all directives without reservation. **Assumption – that which is taken for granted**

1. **You want to be the best coach that you can be**.

 a. Assumes a willingness to work the hours necessary to improve attitude, self-image, and

 technical skills.

b. Assumes a willingness to grow, be receptive to new ideas andtechniques, and be willing to read and research.

2. **You want to make a positive impact on young people**.

 a. You will be a coach who will assure kids of what they can accomplish. – build confidence!!!

 b. You will search out the good in each player.

 c. You will criticize the performance, not the performer.

 d. You will teach and model character, integrity, honesty, and class.

 e. You will demonstrate in work and action the importance of a quality education.

 f. You will understand that each player has worth and will be treated as such.

3. **You want to coach on a championship team**.

a. You understand that “permissiveness is neglect of duty”.

b. You understand the ***team*** concept, i.e.; the best offense or defense is not the goal. The team is the goal.

 c. Do not confuse activity with accomplishment. Be result oriented.

d. You are where you want to be, which assumes you will exhibit intense loyalty to our school family. **“if you work for a person, in heaven’s name, stand by the institution he represents, if put to a pinch, an ounce of loyalty is worth a pound of cleverness. If you** **must vilify, condemn, and eternally disparage – resign your position and when you are on the outside damn to your heart’s content, but as long as you are part of the institution do not condemn it. If you do, you are loosening the tendrils that are holding you to the institution, and at the first high wind that comes along, you will be** **uprooted, and blown away, and probably never know why.”** Hubbard

 e. You have read and understand all UIL rules concerning your sport.

4. **Our athletic program will be a “family**”. We have a comprehensive athletic program in which all personnel will help and work in all assigned sports. Be willing to help each other – don’t have a “it’s not my job” attitude.

5. **You are a mature adult**. This assumes you will use irreproachable language with words such as

hope, responsible, sharing, caring, and stress **us, ours, and we**. It assumes you will refrain from language which is obscene, suggestive, condemning, negative, demeaning, or gossiping. Avoid

personal references such as **I, mine or me**.

6. **You are a professional.**

 a. You will separate home and career

 b. You will notify the appropriate person if you are to be absent – Principal, A.D., Head Coach

 c. You understand the importance of perception and appearance. Your appearance will reflect

 the importance you place on your job.

7. **You understand and follow the chain of command**. If you do not understand the chain of

 command, you will ask.

8. **You will be a great teacher**. There is no greater hypocrite than a person who professes a desire to

 be a great coach but fails to do a great job in the classroom.

9. **You understand the harmful effects of drugs** (this includes alcohol and tobacco) and how

 harmful using these could be to your image as a positive role model.

10. **You understand that newspapers will print articles and quotations to sell newspapers**, not

 relay the truth. You must understand that when words are spoken, especially to the media, cannot be recalled. It is assumed that you will think of all possible repercussions ***before*** you speak to parents,

players, and the media.

11. **Our coaches are people with “BIG” minds**. Small minded people talk about other people – Big

 minded people talk about ideas.

12. **Our coaches are people with big hearts**. Coaches with small hearts love only the athletes who

 can help them win contests. Coaches with big hearts love all athletes.