

The Fourteen Legal Duties of a Coach

Over the past 20 years, through thousands of lawsuits, the courts have defined and continue to define the legal duties as a coach. These duties may vary from state to state and may change as sport litigation continues unabatedly over the years. The NIAAA, National Federation of High School Associations, The Coalition of Americans to Protect Sports and the National Association for Sport and Physical Education all recognized these nine legal duties. Your fourteen legal duties as a coach are:

- Duty 1: Properly plan the activity.**
- Duty 2: Supervise the activity closely**
- Duty 3: Provide a safe physical environment.**
- Duty 4: Evaluate athletes for injury or incapacity**
- Duty 5: Provide adequate and proper equipment.**
- Duty 6: Provide proper instruction.**
- Duty 7: Duty to condition properly**
- Duty 8: Warn of inherent risks.**
- Duty 9: Provide Emergency Care**
- Duty 10: Design an Emergency Response Plan**
- Duty 11: To Select Train and Supervise Coaches**
- Duty 12: To Match/Equate Athletes**
- Duty 13: To Provide Safe transportation**
- Duty 14: To Provide Insurance Disclosure**