Protecting Education-Based Athletics in Texas

Condensed Talking Points for Coaches

The Problem

- Texas public school athletics are built on community, tradition, and whole-student development.
- Sport-centric academies recruit kids away, focusing only on performance—not academics or long-term success.
- If we lose this model, we risk losing what makes Texas high school athletics unique.

Why Public Schools Matter

- **Academics**: AP, dual credit, career-prep classes with certified teachers.
- **Support Systems**: Counselors, advisors, daily teacher contact catch issues early.
- **Balanced Life**: Pep rallies, leadership, prom, multi-sport participation → less burnout, more versatility.
- **Preparation Beyond Sports**: Most kids won't play professionally—public schools prepare them for *all* futures.
- **College Readiness**: Daily schedules, multi-sport skills, accountability, and academics give public school athletes an edge.
- **Well-Being**: Education-based athletics protect kids from being treated like commodities.

Call to Action for Coaches

- **Don't legitimize academies**: Don't schedule them, don't rent facilities, don't give them ISD access.
- **Educate parents**: Share the risks of sports-only schools and the benefits of staying local.
- **Promote your program**: Celebrate success stories and highlight the impact on students and community.
- **Advocate for your athletes**: Work directly with recruiters and guide families through opportunities.

Bottom Line

Education-based schools create more than athletes—they create leaders, citizens, and strong communities.
Protecting education-based athletics = protecting the future of Texas.

Educate. Excel. Play

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Texas High School Coaches Association (THSCA)
Texas High School Athletic Directors Association (THSADA)
Texas Girls Coaches Association (TGCA)
Texas Six-Man Coaches Association (TSMCA)
Black Coaches of Texas (BCTX)
Cross Country Coaches Association of Texas (CCCAT)
Hispanic Texas High School Football Coaches Association
Texas Association of Basketball Coaches (TABC)
Texas Association of Golf Coaches (TAGC)
Texas Association of Soccer Coaches (TASCO)
Texas High School Baseball Coaches Association (THSBCA)
Texas Interscholastic Swimming Coaches Association (TISCA)
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