Pre-Introduction Worksheet

Instructions – Rate the following statements – Agree, Neutral, Disagree individually, then compare responses with colleagues at your table or in you group. Circle your response.

* Because referees or umpires do not see or call every infraction, it's generally proper to do whatever officials let you get away with.

Agree Disagree Neutral

* An athlete or coach should do whatever is not specifically prohibited by the rules if it helps win.

Agree Disagree Neutral

* People should always play by the rules even if their opponents aren't and even if it means losing.

Agree Disagree Neutral

* Whether an athlete takes performance-enhancing substances should be a personal choice, not a matter of rules.

Agree Disagree Neutral

* In today's society, one has to lie or cheat at least occasionally to succeed.

Agree Disagree Neutral

* If I thought I could get away with it, I would be willing to lie on a resume to get a job I really wanted.

Agree Disagree Neutral

* After making a great play, it's acceptable for an athlete to pound his/her chest boastfully and do an "in your face" celebration dance in front of an opponent.

Agree Disagree Neutral

* Effective taunting and trash-talking that throws an opponent off his/her game is a legitimate part of competitive sports.

Agree Disagree Neutral

* A coach learns that one of his/her athletes is using performance-enhancing substances. It's acceptable that the coach tries to discourage further use but does nothing else -- even after the use continues.

Agree Disagree Neutral

* The idea that it's wrong to "run up the score" is outdated. It's acceptable for a team to score as many points as they possibly can even when the outcome is no longer in doubt.

Agree Disagree Neutral

* It's acceptable for a coach to instruct a groundskeeper to alter the field if the coach believes it will give his/her team an advantage (e.g., soaking a field to slow down opponents, sloping a foul line to keep bunts fair, letting grass grow long, etc.).

Agree Disagree Neutral

* It's acceptable for a coach deliberately swear at an official to get thrown out of the game in order to energize his/her team.

Agree Disagree Neutral

* To throw the other team off its game and gain an advantage, it's acceptable for a coach to deliberately make the visitors' locker room uncomfortably hot or cold.

Agree Disagree Neutral

* It's acceptable that a coach, knowing the star player on the other team is a hothead, instructs his/her team to taunt, provoke, and foul the star to get the player to react and get thrown out of the game.

Agree Disagree Neutral

* It's acceptable for an athlete who knows other athletes have done so without getting caught, to illegally alter his/her equipment (e.g., hockey stick, baseball bat) to gain an advantage.

Agree Disagree Neutral

* Before an important game, a coach receives an anonymous envelope containing an authentic and current copy of the opponent's playbook. It's acceptable if the coach uses it to prepare his/her team.

Agree Disagree Neutral

* In a sport where certain types of contact with an opponent is illegal (e.g., holding, hand-checking, pushing, or grabbing), it's acceptable for a coach to teach players to violate the rule in ways that will be least likely to be detected.

Agree Disagree Neutral

* In a sport where only a certain number of team time-outs are allowed, it's acceptable for a coach with no time-outs left to instruct a player to fake an injury to get an "official" time-out.

Agree Disagree Neutral

* In baseball or softball, a player on team X is hit by a pitch. It's acceptable if the coach of team X instructs X's pitcher to throw at an opposing batter in retaliation.

Agree Disagree Neutral

* In soccer, a player deliberately fakes getting fouled by an opposing player in the hope that the ref will give the opponent a red card and remove him/her from the game.

Agree Disagree Neutral

* In soccer, during a penalty kick, it's acceptable for a goalie to deliberately violate the rules and leave the line too soon to block the kick hoping the referee won't see it or call it.

Agree Disagree Neutral

* In a contact sport, it's acceptable for a coach to instruct players to go after the injured shoulder of the other team's leading player to slow him/her down or get him/her out of the game.

Agree Disagree Neutral