

## Northwestern Soccer Coach's Code of Conduct

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Prior to the start of each season, Coaches shall review the Coaches Code of Conduct and strive to adhere to both the letter and spirit of each of the tenants of the code. Any actions in violation of this code may result in suspension from games or expulsion from the Northwestern Soccer Program.

## **Team Management**

- Read and understand the Northwestern Soccer's Operating Policy's. Make parents aware of them.
  - o Northwestern Soccer Playing Time Policy
  - o Northwestern Soccer Communication Guide
- Establish your specific coaching philosophy, goals, policies, rules, and player/parent responsibilities at the beginning of the season. Make sure all your players and parents are aware of these items.
- Promote and adhere to the NYAA Code of Conduct.

## **Player Development**

- Coaches need to create an environment where the players can safely learn the game, and have fun.
- Any youth development environment must be a balance of constructive criticism and positive encouragement. Give your players plenty of positive encouragement. Players enjoy hearing when they have done something correctly. Remember players do not make mistakes on purpose.
- Strive to develop team spirit along with the confidence and self-esteem of each individual player.
- Provide the opportunity for everyone on the team to learn regardless of his/her ability by adhering to the Northwestern Soccer Program's Playing Time policy.
- Work to understand the sport, know the rules, and acquire the knowledge to coach properly. Learn and teach the Laws of the Game.

## **Sportsmanship**

- Controlling the conduct of the players and parents is the coach's responsibility.
- Coaches shall treat officials, other coaches, players, and parents with respect and dignity and demand the same from their players and parents. Abusive language and conduct will not be tolerated.
- Promote having fun and learning for the good of the game.
- Accept the fact that losing is part of the game. Be generous when you win, and graceful when you lose.
- Avoid actions which are detrimental to the good of the game such as running up the score, coaching illegal or dangerous plays or skills, or take improper advantage to win.

Coach's Signature	Date	Printed Name

Northwestern Soccer is operated under the Northwestern Youth Athletic Association (NYAA). All NYAA by-laws also apply to the Northwestern Soccer program.

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