

COACH'S CODE OF CONDUCT**PURPOSE**

This Code of Conduct has been developed to clarify and distinguish approved and accepted professional, ethical, and moral behavior from that which is detrimental to the development of the sport of soccer. (The term "Coach" shall include, but is not limited to Head Coach, Assistant Coach(s), Manager/Trainer and/or Team Representative.)

RESPONSIBILITIES TO PLAYERS

1. The coach's responsibility is to the health and safety of all participants. The coach must never place the value of winning over the safety and welfare of players.
2. Coach should know and understand the Laws of the Game and instruct players to play within the laws and the spirit of the game at all times.
3. The coach is responsible for establishing and enforcing the team rules regarding attendance, participation in practices, pre-game arrival times, team attire, team conduct in accordance with the player and parents codes of conduct.
4. Coach should be positive role model and set the standard for sportsmanship.
5. Coach should keep sport in proper perspective with player's academic education.
6. Coach shall say "no" to drugs.
7. Under no circumstances should coach authorize or encourage the use of, but not limited to, medicinal or performance enhancing drugs.
8. Coach should inspect player's equipment and field conditions for safety reasons.
9. Coach should continue his/her own education in the sport in order to be able to educate the players in technical, tactical, physical and psychological demands of the game for their level.
10. Coach should encourage moral and social responsibility.
11. Coach should be sensitive to each child's developmental needs, strive to have each player reach his/her full potential and be prepared to move to the next stage of development.
12. Coach should develop the child's appreciation of the game. Players should have fun and receive positive feedback.
13. Coach should supervise and control his/her players to avoid injury situations. Players should be directed to seek proper medical attention for injuries and to follow the physician's instructions regarding treatment and recovery. At no time should a player be put at risk by returning from injury prematurely or by being forced to play while injured.
14. It is recommended that the coach become certified in basic first aid and be prepared to handle medical emergencies at all practices and games.
 - a. Coach should bring properly supplied first aid kit and ice to all practices and games.
 - b. Coach should know 911 and emergency phone numbers and procedures.
 - c. Coach should know location of nearest emergency medical facilities.

- d. Coach should bring SYSO Medical Release and Liability Waiver to all practices and games.
15. Coaches will insure that all players are treated equally regardless of race, sex, creed, religion, national origin, or playing ability.
16. Coaches will not use nor condone the use of profane, or abusive language, or gestures towards any coach, player, parent, or league official while serving as a coach.
17. The coach must behave in an ethical and legal manner. The Coach must complete and submit a Disclosure Statement to his/her CJSA affiliated association.
18. All trash and litter shall be disposed of properly after all practices and games.
19. The coach will insure that a team representative is present at any meeting called by the Travel Director.
20. Coaches must refrain from using alcohol or tobacco while in the presence of any SYSO athletes, while on SYSO facilities.

RESPONSIBILITY TO CJSA AND MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS

1. Coach should work in the spirit of cooperation with the officials, administrators, coaches, spectators and participants.
2. Coach should know and follow all rules set forth by the CJSA, leagues and clubs.
3. Coach must strive to maintain integrity within the sport.
4. Coach should contact club official or league to resolve conflicts with another coach.

RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE LAWS OF THE GAME

1. Coaches should know the Laws of the Game, their intent, interpretation and correct application.
2. Coaches must adhere to the letter and spirit of the laws of the game.
3. If a coach permits, encourages, or condones performance which is not in the letter or spirit of the laws, coach is derelict in his/her responsibility to players, Member Organizations, CJSA and the sport worldwide.

RESPONSIBILITY TO OFFICIALS

1. Coach must not criticize game officials and instruct his/her players, parents and spectators to refrain from criticizing officials.
2. Coach will treat officials with respect before, during, and after the game. Officials should be addressed as “Referee”, Sir, Madam, or “Mr./Ms. Referee” and not by name. Professional respect should be mutual and there should be no demeaning dialogue or gesture between officials, coach, or player.
3. Coaches must not incite players or spectators or attempt to disrupt the flow of play.
4. Coach is responsible for and will be held accountable for the conduct of his/her players, parents, and spectators.
5. Coach should submit comments in writing regarding an official to the appropriate organization assigning the official.

RESPONSIBILITY FOR PUBLIC RELATIONS

1. Coaches have a responsibility to promote the game of soccer to the public. Comments and critiques of governing bodies, teams, coaches, players, parents, or the media should be positive and constructive, never prejudicial or inflammatory.
2. Coaches have the responsibility to assist their players in conducting themselves properly while representing their team, league, and CJSA in public.
3. Comments blaming officials, organizers, players, etc. for a loss or unsuccessful endeavor are detrimental and must be avoided.
4. I believe that the way my team conducts itself can also have an influence, for better or worse, on those we compete against.
5. I will endeavor to make my team a positive role model.
6. I will not coach, nor allow my players to play, with intent to cause injury to opposing players.
7. Neither I nor my players and spectators will display hostile behavior towards opposing players, parents or officials.

GAME DAY AND OTHER RESPONSIBILITIES

1. A coach's behavior must bring credit to him/herself, his/her organization, and the sport of soccer.
2. Rival coaches should meet prior to the game and exchange friendly or professional greetings. While the concept of rivalry is wholly embraced, it cannot take precedence over exemplary professional conduct.
3. The coach must confine him/herself to the technical area and only provide technical instruction.
4. A coach shall exhibit a respectful attitude towards players, officials, spectators, opposing players and coaches. Verbal abuse or physical assault is unethical and shall be punishable by fines and/or suspension from the program.
5. The coaches foremost post game responsibility is to his/her team.
6. Coach should use his/her influence to control the behavior of his players, parents and spectators.
7. Coach are responsible for ensuring that the fields are properly marked with visible lines and corner flags.
8. Coach's are responsible for returning corner flags and other equipment to the proper storage container and securely locking it.
9. Coach's are responsible for ensuring all facility gates are properly secured at the end of the day if their game is the last one of the day.

FAILURE TO ADHERE TO THE ABOVE GUIDELINES MAY RESULT IN THE FOLLOWING:

1. The Travel Director has the authority to verbally warn a coach that he/she has violated a portion of the Code of Ethics. Failure to comply with the standard team rules or this code of ethics could result in automatic expulsion.

2. Board approved coaches and/or assistant coaches who have written complaints lodged against them may be subject to reprimand.
3. The SYSO Executive Officers, as elected representatives, have the right and authority to suspend or expel any coach/assistant coach for his/her actions and/or behavior that is deemed inappropriate or that violates good order and sportsmanship.
4. Coaches are responsible for the conduct of their players and the spectators on their side of the field, specifically as it relates to the referee, coaches, players and spectators on the other team. Verbal and/or physical abuse will not be tolerated.

If players conduct is not in the spirit of recreational soccer the referee can have the player leave the game for a cooling off period. The same conduct rule applies to spectators. If the cooling off period does not resolve the problem, the spectator may be asked to leave the field.

If a coach or parent approaches a referee or steps on to the field to challenge a call, they may be asked to leave the game and the incident will be reviewed.

I, THE UNDERSIGNED, HAVE READ, UNDERSTAND AND AGREE TO ABIDE BY THE ABOVE RULES AND GUIDELINES. I ALSO AGREE TO ACCEPT ACTIONS TAKEN FOR FAILURE TO ABIDE BY THESE RULES AND GUIDELINES.

COACH (Print)	SIGNATURE OF COACH	DATE
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TEAM (Print)	AGE GROUP	DATE
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Note: This form must be completed and returned before a team roster will be issued.