



## Coach's Code of Conduct

In order to ensure that the principles of sportsmanship, fair play, skill development, and mutual respect among players, coaches, officials and spectators are the primary considerations for the WYSC Recreational Soccer League, the following Code of Conduct items have been established and adopted:

Each coach shall:

1. Encourage players to have fun at all times. Focus on praise and encouragement rather than on criticism and yelling.
2. Put the physical and emotional well-being of players ahead of a personal desire to win. Realize, accept and practice the principle that a team's reputation is built not only on its playing ability, but also on its sportsmanship, courtesy and conduct. Encourage fair play and lead by example.
3. Remember that every player on the team is a contributing player and should be given a fair amount of playing time. Soccer is a team sport and without each player there is no team. Strive to learn the strengths of each player and place them into situations where they can achieve success.
4. Work to understand the rules of the game and pass that information on to the players. Enhance understanding of the game by taking advantage of coaching clinics and licensing courses offered by the club.
5. Find ways to limit the number of goals scored in "runaway" games. These ideas can include, but are not limited to, requiring players to complete a certain number of passes before shooting or other "games" to keep the players engaged.
6. Respect the game officials and refrain from questioning their decisions in a disrespectful or abusive manner. Please remember, many of these referees are young adults learning how to referee the game, so treat them with respect. They are there to do an honest job which few others are willing to do.
7. Maintain emotional and physical control, avoiding the use of abusive language or profanity, humiliating remarks, gestures of ill temper, and physical assault upon players, coaches, parents or referees.
8. Ensure that fans of their team conduct themselves with sportsmanship and maturity at all times and assist the game officials in maintaining control of spectators during the games.
9. Make sure goals are secured before each practice and/or game. Do NOT use a goal that is improperly secured – lay the goal down to discourage its use. Always leave the field in good condition, removing debris from your team bench when exiting the field.
10. Refrain from having personal contact with the players alone via email, text or any form of social media. All team/player communication MUST include parents. Likewise, do not be alone with any player(s) – request to have another adult present at any team activity.

Violation of the Coach's Code of Conduct may result in my removal or suspension from any WYSC Soccer event (practice or game). Violations of the Code of Conduct will be reported to the Adjudication Committee. The Adjudication Committee will then deliver a recommendation of corrective action to the WYSC Board. WYSC Board will make the final determination.

I have read and agree to abide by this Code of Conduct.

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Printed Name

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Signature