



Wave Soccer Club

COACH CODE OF CONDUCT

Coaches are key to establishing and promoting high standards of behavior in the game of soccer. Their concept of ethics and their attitude directly affects the behavior of players under their supervision. Coaches are, therefore, expected to pay particular care to the moral aspect of their conduct. The health, safety, welfare, and moral education of young people are a first priority, before the achievement or the reputation of the club, coach or parent.

One of the biggest issues within our soccer leagues is the behavior in and around the game. This includes the abuse of match officials and the unacceptable behavior of over competitive parents, spectators, and coaches on the sideline. Soccer is the players' game. The paramount concern of coaches is the holistic development, welfare, enjoyment, and safety of their players

On and off the field, WSC coaches shall:

1. Show respect and grace to others involved in the game including match officials, opposition players, coaches, managers, officials, and spectators.
2. Adhere to the laws and spirit of the game. Coaches should be thoroughly acquainted with and demonstrate a working knowledge of the laws of the game of soccer. Coaches are also responsible to ensure that their players understand the intent as well as the application of the laws.
3. Consistently display high standards of behavior and appearance, dignity, and composure.
4. Treat officials with respect before, during, and after the game. Never engage in public criticism of the match officials.
5. Never engage in, or tolerate, offensive, insulting or abusive language or behavior.
6. Model inclusive behavior, actively supporting cultural diversity while opposing all types of discrimination, including, but not limited to, racism and sexism.
7. Treat opponents with respect and expect players to do likewise.
8. Refrain from personal abuse and harassment of others, whether verbal, physical, emotional, or sexual
9. Continue their own education in the sport to be able to educate the players in technical, tactical, physical and psychological demands of the game for their level.

When working with players, WSC coaches shall:

1. Place the well-being, safety and enjoyment of each player above everything, including winning.
2. Explain exactly what is expected of players and what can be expected of the coach.
3. Ensure parents/guardians of all players understand these expectations.
4. Prevent demands on a players' time from being so extensive as to interfere with academic goals and progress. Motivation for excellence should include academics as well as athletics. Coaches should keep sport in proper perspective with player's academic education.
5. Never engage in or tolerate any form of bullying.
6. Develop mutual trust and respect with every player to build their self-esteem.
7. Encourage each player to accept responsibility for their own behavior and performance.
8. Encourage captains to take a leadership role on the field in aiding the referee in maintaining control of the game.
9. Ensure all activities, training and drills are appropriate for the players' ability level, age and maturity.
10. Cooperate fully with others in soccer (e.g., officials, managers, parents) for each player's best interests.
11. Direct comments or criticism at performance rather than the athlete.
12. Not exert undue influence to obtain personal benefit or reward.
13. Encourage and guide players to accept responsibility for their own behavior and performance.
14. Exhibit a respectful attitude towards players, officials, spectators, opposing players and coaches.

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15. Use their influence to control the behavior of their players, parents, and spectators.

Failure to follow the Coaches Code of Conduct may result in the following actions:

- Meeting with the Director of Coaching (DOC).
- Meeting with a club committee.
- Attend a US Soccer education course.
- Suspension by the club from attending matches.
- Suspension or fine by the league.
- Contract termination.

(The term "Coach" shall include, but is not limited to Director of Coaching, Head Coach, Assistant Coach(s), Manager/Trainer and/or Team Representative.)