

Coach's Code of Conduct

COACHES MUST ABIDE BY THE FOLLOWING PRINCIPLES OF CONDUCT:

SAFETY

- My first responsibility is the health and safety of all participants.
- It is recommended that coaches become certified in basic First Aid and are aware of their club, league or state requirements in this area.
- Be prepared to handle First Aid situations as well as medical emergencies at all practices and games, both home and away
 - Have and know how to use a properly supplied First Aid Kit.
 - Know 911 Emergency procedures/telephone locations.
 - Know Location of nearest emergency medical facilities.
 - Always carry emergency medical release forms as well as team safety and information cards.
 - Follow up on all injuries with parents/guardians.
- Know and understand the Laws of the Game.
- Inspect players' equipment and field conditions for safety reasons.
- Utilize proper teaching and instruction of players regarding safe techniques and methods of play.
- Implement appropriate training program to make sure players are fit for practice and competition.
- Supervise and control your players so as to avoid injury situations.

PLAYER DEVELOPMENT

- Develop the child's appreciation of the game.
- Keep winning and losing in proper perspective.
- Be sensitive to each child's developmental needs.
- Educate the players to the technical, tactical, physical and psychological demands of the game for their level.
- Implement rules and equipment modifications according to the players' age group.
- Allow players to experience all positions.
- Players need to have fun and receive positive feedback.
- Practice should be conducted in the spirit of enjoyment and learning.
- Provide the appropriate number of training sessions and games according to the players' stage of development.
- Strive to help each player reach their full potential and be prepared to move to the next stage of development.

ETHICS

- Strive to maintain integrity within our sport.
- Know and follow all the rules and policies set forth by clubs, leagues, state and national associations.

- Work in the spirit of cooperation with officials, administrators, coaches and spectators to provide the participants with the maximum opportunity to develop.
- Be a positive role model.
- Set the standard for sportsmanship with opponents, referees, administrators and spectators.
- Keep sport in proper perspective with education.
- Encourage moral and social responsibility.
- Just say no to drugs.
- Coaches should continue their own education in the sport.