

COACH'S CODE OF CONDUCT

RESPONSIBILITY TO WCSA

- Recognize that this is a RECREATIONAL league. Your PRIMARY job is to help ALL players have fun and develop soccer skills.
- Abide by the rules—WCSA rules, WCSA rulings, FIFA Rules.
- Follow recommendations of WCSA officials including the Director of Coaching (DOC).
- Recognize that there is a progression of ability and play from age-to-age and that WCSA, its VPs of Play and its Director of Coaching have devised practice plans for each age that you, as a coach, should follow.
- Treat all participants in the game—opposing coach, opposing players, referees, WCSA officials and Board Members—with respect and dignity.
 - Belligerent or aggressive physical contact between you and ANYONE else during a game or practice or while on WCSA- scheduled property will NOT be tolerated under any circumstances. Such behavior will be addressed by WCSA officials, Directors, and/or disciplinary committee with repercussions including, but not limited to, suspension or dismissal.
 - Contact WCSA offices or a WCSA official if tensions are high before, during or after a game.

RESPONSIBILITY TO PLAYERS

- Have FUN
- Teach age-appropriate skills
- ALL players—both teams—are your responsibility
 - Do NOT run-up score
 - Do NOT yell at players from either team
- Do NOT coach from the side-lines. Let the GAME teach the players. Restrict your Coaching to practices. On game day—LET THEM PLAY.
- Demonstrate EXCELLECT sportsmanship
- Do NOT recruit players from other teams
- Every player on my team plays AT LEAST 50% of EACH GAME.
- ONLY players on your official WCSA roster may play on game day OR attend your practices. Should you play a NON-REGISTERED player OR a player NOT on the roster for the team you are coaching, you are subject to disciplinary action up to and including removal from WCSA coaching responsibilities.
- PROHIBIT inappropriate chatter with the opposing team and/or coach
- Enforce parity on the field MORE THAN YOU THINK YOU SHOULD. Having balanced teams is a critical component of recreational leagues.

RESPONSIBILITY TO REFEREES

- Treat them with RESPECT
- Abide by their rulings
- Thank them for their efforts
- Do NOT yell at, berate, or insult them. Doing any of these will be considered a SERIOUS breach of WCSA rules and will result disciplinary action up to and including your removal as coach. If you have a problem with a referee, contact the WCSA Director of Referees. Do NOT handle this on your own.

RESPONSIBILITY TO PARENTS

- Be organized and prepared
- Control parents' involvement during games. They should NOT coach their child or others during games. YOU are the coach
- Demonstrate EXCELLENT sportsmanship
- Do NOT yell at any players (including my own) during a game. This is a SERIOUS breach of WCSA rules. Simply put, it will NOT be tolerated.

As a head coach or assistant coach of WCSA, I understand and agree to abide by the code of conduct provided here. I will ensure that my behavior is in keeping with both the "letter" of this code as well as the "spirit" intended, namely, to help ALL participants in the WCSA program have a fun and rewarding experience.

Coach's Signature

Coach's Name (PRINT)

Date