

West Virginia Soccer Association Code of Ethics for Coaches

Coaching a team of young athletes for a West Virginia Soccer Association affiliated club or the Olympic Development Program is a high privilege that carries with it great responsibility. A coach should always demonstrate the highest ethical character and should serve as a role model for the players on his or her team. A coach must always remember the influence that he or she has over young athletes. The game is for the players.

If at any time West Virginia Soccer Association shall determine that a coach has failed to fulfill these expectations and standards, that shall be cause to discipline, suspend, or remove the coach.

1. Soccer is the players' game. The paramount concern of coaches is the holistic development, welfare, enjoyment and safety of their players. A coach should never place winning above character or good treatment of athletes. While striving to win, a coach should deal honestly and fairly with players with regard to team selection and playing time, while remaining free to make decisions based on the best interests of the team as a whole.
2. Coaches bear responsibility for teaching their players to strive for success while playing fairly with the highest levels of sportsmanship, observing the laws and the spirit of the game.
3. Coaches shall treat officials with respect and dignity, and shall teach their players to do the same.
4. Our opponents are worthy of being treated with respect. Coaches will model such respect for opponents and expect their players to do likewise.
5. In both victory and defeat, the behavior of a coach shall model grace, dignity and composure.
6. Coaches shall adhere to the highest standards and the regulations of the institutions they represent: clubs, West Virginia Soccer Association, US Youth Soccer Association, and US Soccer Federation. The position of head coach assumes knowledge of the rules of the game, of registration and rostering requirements, of tournament rules and other requirements of West Virginia Soccer Association and affiliated clubs and organizations. The coach is responsible for compliance with all rules.
7. Coaches shall model inclusive behavior, actively supporting cultural diversity while opposing all types of discrimination, including, but not limited to, racism and sexism, at all levels of soccer.
8. Coaches should take a role in educating their players about sports nutrition and fitness and about prevention of drug, alcohol, and tobacco abuse. The coach should avoid the use of alcohol or tobacco products when in contact with players or at other times while in official capacity as coach.
9. Coaches shall refrain from all manner of personal abuse and harassment of others, whether verbal, physical, emotional or sexual, and shall oppose such abuse and harassment at all levels of soccer.
10. Coaches shall respect the declared affiliations of all players, and shall adhere to all guidelines and regulations on recruiting established by their clubs, leagues and West Virginia Soccer Association. At the first point of contact between a coach and a player, the coach ask the player if he/she is rostered or committed to another team. If the answer is affirmative, the coach must refrain from further recruiting of that player. In any event, the coach cannot make any statements in regards to the merits, philosophies, programs, coaches, players, board members, or facilities of another club nor extend an offer of any type of financial incentive, including "scholarships", to any prospective player unless the player's family has demonstrated a financial hardship.
11. Coaches shall seek to honor those who uphold the highest standards and principles of soccer and shall use appropriate protocol to oppose and eliminate all behavior that brings disrepute to the sport - violence, abuse, dishonesty, disrespect and violations of the laws of the game and rules governing competition.

Tri-C Soccer Club Coach's Code of Conduct

Tri-C Soccer Club is a club that was formed to support the community need for a recreational soccer program. This club, its board members, and its coaches will conduct themselves in a fashion consistent with the above statement. The environment that we will foster is for education and for teamwork. Those coaches who are aggressive and extremely competitive should consider the travel team organization of WCSA, RVSC. Derogatory comments and aggressive behavior toward players or league officials will be considered grounds for removal from coaching privileges. Coaching is a privilege and no exception to these rules will be tolerated.

The coaches shall:

- (a) Instruct their players to play according to the laws of the Game and to play without taking unfair advantage of an opponent.
- (b) Not dispute the ruling of a referee and will instruct players, substitutes, and spectators to do the same, and in all cases to follow the direction of the referees.
- (c) Be responsible for the conduct of their players, parents, and spectators.
- (d) Demonstrate high ideals, good habits, and desirable attitudes in personal behavior and require the same standards of their players.
- (e) Recognize that the purpose of competition is to promote the physical, mental, social, and emotional well-being of the individual players and that the most important values of competition are derived from playing the game fairly.
- (f) Maintain self-control at all times, accepting adverse decisions without public display of emotion or of dissatisfaction with the officials including referees.
- (g) Employ accepted educational methods in coaching, giving all players an opportunity to use and develop initiative, leadership, and judgment.
- (h) Pay close attention to the physical condition and well-being of their players refusing to jeopardize the health of the individual for the sake of improving their team's chances to win.

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Tri-C Soccer Club

Affiliated with the West Central Soccer Association, the West Virginia Soccer Association, United States Soccer Association, United States Youth Soccer Association, United States Amateur Association

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Tri-C Soccer Club Coach's Code of Conduct

Please Print or Type

Coach's Name: _____

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City, St., Zip: _____

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Division/Team Name: _____

Responsibility:

I will conduct myself in a manner respecting the facilities, other coaches, referees and administrative staff of the Tri-C Soccer Club and the West Central Soccer Association while coaching in the league. Further, I agree that WCSA fields, practice sessions, and games are drug, alcohol, and tobacco free. I also agree to follow all WCSA and WVSA rules and regulations including all coaches' code of ethics and conduct.

Signature of Coach

Date

Signature of Assistant

Date