



Coaches Code of Conduct

Coaches are responsible for the conduct of themselves, their players and spectators as they relate to referees, and players, spectators and coaches from the opposing team. We expect that our coaches adhere to the spirit of this Code of Conduct, and specifically, agree to:

- Never berate, yell at or ridicule players for making a mistake or not winning
- Operate within the rules and spirit of the game and teach players to do the same.
- Player Development approach vs winning: understand that development of the players in the longer term is more important than winning in the short term, particularly at the younger ages (U9-U11), and that children's confidence and enjoyment of the game is a major driver towards that.
- Ensure that the players time spent with a coach is a positive experience, and ensure that all players are deserving of equal attention and opportunities.
- Display control, respect and professionalism to all involved with soccer, including referees, parents and players.
- Show respect for opponents whether winning or losing, and ensure that scoring differentials are no more than an absolute maximum of 6 goals (Travel).
- Show concern and caution towards sick or injured players, and follow the advice of a physician when determining whether or not a player is ready to practice or play.
- Endeavor to be a positive role model for all players, knowing that children follow our example, and understand that the coaches attitude and behavior can influence the players, parents and spectators.
- Ensure that any physical contact with a player is appropriate to soccer situations, and is witnessed by at least one non-related adult.
- Believe that referees, in addition to coaches and players, are attempting to do the best they can, and should not be verbally or otherwise abused whether or not the decisions they make are believed to be correct.
- Continue to develop personal coaching skills by keeping up to date with the latest coaching practices and techniques, and methods of development for young players.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person, irrespective of their gender, ability, cultural background, ethnicity, or religion.
- Demand an athletic environment which is free from drugs, tobacco and alcohol.
- Believe that the role as coach is to contribute to the overall success, and physical and athletic growth of players through soccer.
- Professionally represent Fairfield United Soccer Association, and apply it's policies and procedures at all levels and in any situation.

Name: _____

Date _____