Coaches Code of Conduct

Prior to the start of each season, Coaches shall review the Coaches Code of Conduct and strive to adhere to both the letter and spirit of each of the tenants of the code. Any actions in violation of this code may result in suspension from games, expulsion from the club and/or fines as determined by the *PASC* Board of Directors.

- Soccer is the players' game. Coaches bear responsibility for teaching their players to strive for success while playing fairly, in accordance with high standards of good sportsmanship and observing the Laws of the Game.
- The paramount concern of coaches is to create a soccer environment that contributes to the holistic development, welfare, enjoyment and safety of their players.
- Give your players constructive criticism and positive encouragement. Remember players do not make mistakes on purpose.
- Controlling the conduct of the players, parents, and spectators is the coach's responsibility. Realize that your conduct and demeanor on the sideline can have an impact on your players. (Note, that typically, player conduct often reflects the conduct of the coach.)
- Avoid actions, which are detrimental to the good of the game, such as running up the score, coaching illegal or dangerous plays or skills, or take improper advantage to win.
- Work to understand the sport, know the rules, and acquire the knowledge to coach properly.
- Follow the rules and regulations established by the Parkland Area Soccer Club, sponsoring organizations and leagues and soccer governing bodies.
- Establish your coaching philosophy, goals, policies, rules, and player/parent responsibilities and acquaint your players and parents of these items.
- Seek out and acquire parent support and assistance.
- Provide the opportunity for everyone on the team to play regardless of his/her ability. Also never prohibit the advancement of a player.
- Promote having fun and learning ahead of winning. Accept the fact that losing is part of the game, be generous when you win and graceful when you lose.
- Strive to develop team spirit along with the confidence and self-esteem of each individual player.
- Always put the welfare of the game and the players above your personal gain and/or recognition.
- Coaches shall treat officials, other coaches, players and parents with respect and dignity and demand the same from their players and parents. Abusive language and conduct will not be tolerated.
- Our opponents are worthy of being treated with respect. Coaches will model such respect for opponents and expect their players to do likewise.
- In both victory and defeat, the behavior of a coach shall model grace, dignity and composure.
- Coaches shall adhere to the highest standards and the regulations of the Parkland Area Soccer Club, sponsoring organizations and leagues and sports governing bodies.

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- Coaches have a responsibility to promote the interests of soccer, including treating media with courtesy, honesty and respect.
- 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.
- Coaches are responsible for taking an active role in education about, and prevention and treatment of, drug, alcohol and tobacco abuse, both in their own lives and in the lives of their players.
- 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.
- Coaches shall respect the declared affiliations of all players, and shall adhere to all guidelines and regulations on recruiting established by the governing bodies having oversight of the club and leagues.
- 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.
- Remember soccer belongs to the players so keep the game fun.