

West Clermont Soccer Club
Coach Code of Conduct



The West Clermont Soccer Club Coach Code of Conduct serves as a guideline for the behavioral standards of the West Clermont Soccer Club. Every Coach is expected to adhere to the Code of Conduct. Ignorance of the Code of Conduct is not justification for noncompliance.

As a WCSC Coach, I agree to the WCSC Coach Code of Conduct, which states as follows:

1. I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, and referees at every match, training or other youth sports event.
2. I will lead by example in demonstrating fair play and sportsmanship to all my players on and off the soccer pitch.
3. I will dress appropriately for all practices and games, keeping in mind that I will be around children of all ages at any given time. I understand that while at WCSC events, I am a representation of our organization and inappropriate clothing may reflect poorly on the program and our community.
4. I will express humility as a winner and will be a gracious loser. I shall expect no less from my players and fans.
5. I understand that I am responsible for the conduct of my team's fans and parents. I shall actively use my influence to promote sportsmanship among my team's fans and parents.
6. I will adhere by this Code of Conduct in addition to the Parent/Spectator Code of Conduct at all times.
7. I understand I am responsible for enforcing the Parent/Spectator Code of Conduct toward any person associated with my team or one of my players
8. I will support the match referees in controlling abusive or disorderly parents and spectators. I will follow instructions from referees and/or Board Members to warn parents and spectators to cease abusive or disorderly conduct. If a warning is ineffective, and if instructed by a match referee and/or Board Member, I will inform a parent or spectator affiliated with my team to leave the field. If I or the affected parent or spectator is noncompliant with a request to leave, I understand my team may be forced to forfeit the match and potentially be subject to additional discipline from the League.
9. I shall respect my opponents, display gracious behavior during the match, and require my players to conduct themselves in a similar fashion. Before and after the match, I shall meet and exchange friendly greetings to set the tone for the match.
10. I shall not openly criticize the officials or the opponent's players or coaches. I shall not give instruction to or make demeaning comments to or about an opposing team's coaches or players.

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11. I will remember that I am a youth sports coach and that the match is for the children and not for the adults.
12. I will never discipline a player from an opposing team regardless of the reason.
13. I will never touch any player except to congratulate them.
14. I will place the emotional and physical well-being of each of my players above my personal desire to win.
15. I shall never place the value of winning above the value of instilling the highest desirable ideals of character.
16. I recognize the importance of the player's academic development and will promote the proper balance between athletic and academic activities.
17. I will teach my players in a positive, nurturing environment. I will not berate, intimidate, or bully my players into learning.
18. I will treat each player as an individual and expect age appropriate skills from all of my players.
19. I will comply with the league playing time requirement for equal play and understand I must play each player for 50% of the match they are present for.
20. I will insist that each player play in a safe and healthy environment.
21. I will properly educate players as to the importance of teamwork, effort, and good sportsmanship, and will provide players with the best education and instruction possible by continually working to improve my coaching skills.
22. I shall learn the rules that apply to the match, including league rules, and shall interpret those rules to my players.
23. I will direct my players at all times to play by the rules and to show respect for the other players, coaches, and referees. I shall not try to seek an advantage by circumventing the spirit or the letter of the rules, and will not ignore or deliberately break any rules.
24. I will not encourage nor allow my team to "run up" the score against an opponent. I will use tactics such as player substitution, as permitted under the minimum/maximum playing time restrictions of the league, as well as rotation of ball handling responsibilities in order to keep the score differences within an acceptable range.
25. I shall take an active role in the prevention of drug, alcohol, and tobacco use by the players.
26. I shall not use or possess illegal drugs, alcohol, or tobacco, or be under the influence of any illegal drugs or alcohol, at any training or match.
27. I will provide each parent/guardian with a complete season game and practice schedule. I will keep parents informed of all changes in the original schedule.
28. I will not intentionally or deliberately forfeit any matches. I understand there are generally no makeups or rescheduled games for forfeited matches. If I cannot make a match, I will have an assistant, or Board Member fill in for that particular match.
29. I will not allow a player who has not been assigned to my team or who is not eligible to play under league rules to play in any match.

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30. During any match in which I am subject to suspension, I will not attend the match or be on the premises of the match location.
31. I will ensure that all my players shake hands with my opponent after the match.
32. I will never approach or speak to an official referee after the match for any reason other than to sign the game card and thank them for their time.
33. I will discuss with my players their responsibilities under the WCSC Player Code of Conduct. I will discuss with my parents their responsibilities under the WCSC Parents/Spectator Code of Conduct.
34. I will accept discipline, if any, meted out by the League without complaint. I will not take any action that undermines or questions the authority of the League to discipline players, coaches or parents/spectators, or member communities, including but not limited to bringing legal action against the league.
35. I agree to indemnify, defend and hold harmless, WCSC (and its officers, directors, coaches, members, and agents) from and against any and all, actual or threatened, third party claims, liabilities, losses, damages, injuries, or expenses (including reasonable attorney's fees) directly or indirectly arising from or relating to (i) any breach by me of the terms of this agreement, or (ii) the violation by anyone who serves in a supervisory capacity over my team, (iii) the violation by any person of the Parents/Spectator Code of Conduct for games played in a facility provided by or through or made available by the Member Community.

Any violation of this code of conduct may result in disciplinary action without limitation, may include a permanent suspension or removal of a coach from the league and/or match forfeiture.