
YORKTOWN YOUTH SOCCER CLUB

Coach Code of Conduct

Coaching Integrity

As a coach, I will:

1. Put Athletes First

- Prioritize the physical, emotional, and mental well-being of every athlete.
- Provide a safe and supportive environment for participation and development.
- Promote healthy competition and personal growth over winning at all costs.

2. Demonstrate Respect and Sportsmanship

- Treat players, parents, officials, opponents, and fellow coaches with dignity and respect.
- Model good sportsmanship and professionalism at all times.
- Encourage positive behavior and respectful communication.

3. Act with Honesty and Fairness

- Follow all league, club, and organizational rules and policies.
- Make decisions based on fairness, effort, development, and team needs.
- Avoid favoritism, discrimination, or conflicts of interest.

4. Lead by Example

- Maintain high standards of personal conduct on and off the field.
- Use appropriate language and behavior at all team activities.
- Serve as a positive role model for athletes and the community.

5. Foster Athlete Development

- Focus on skill development, teamwork, character, and confidence.
- Encourage athletes to set goals and strive for continuous improvement.
- Recognize effort, commitment, and sportsmanship as well as performance.

6. Communicate Professionally

- Maintain open, respectful, and constructive communication with athletes and families.
- Address concerns in a timely and appropriate manner.
- Respect confidentiality and privacy when handling athlete information.

7. Promote Safety

- Adhere to all safety guidelines, training requirements, and reporting procedures.
- Monitor athletes for signs of injury and ensure proper medical clearance when required.
- Never encourage participation when doing so could endanger an athlete's health or safety.

8. Maintain Professional Boundaries

- Establish appropriate coach-athlete relationships at all times.
 - Avoid conduct that could be perceived as inappropriate, exploitative, or abusive.
 - Comply with all safeguarding, background screening, and reporting requirements.
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Prohibited Conduct

The following actions are inconsistent with coaching integrity and may result in disciplinary action:

- Physical, verbal, emotional, or psychological abuse.
 - Harassment, bullying, intimidation, or retaliation.
 - Discrimination based on race, ethnicity, religion, gender, sexual orientation, disability, or other protected characteristics.
 - Unsportsmanlike conduct toward officials, opponents, players, or spectators.
 - Dishonesty, rule violations, or unethical recruiting practices.
 - Abuse of authority or misuse of organizational resources.
 - Any behavior that compromises athlete safety or welfare.
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Accountability

Coaches are expected to uphold these standards at all times. Violations may result in:

- Verbal or written warning.
- Required corrective training.
- Suspension from coaching duties.
- Removal from the program or organization.
- Referral to appropriate authorities when required.