

LYSC Coach Code of Conduct

Purpose: This Code of Conduct has been developed to clarify and distinguish approved and accepted professional, ethical and moral behavior from that which is detrimental to the development of soccer within the Club. Punishments for violations of this Code of Conduct may be imposed upon a Coach by the Club.

Responsibilities to Players

1. Coaches shall never place the value of winning over the safety and welfare of players.
2. Coaches shall instruct players to play within the laws of the game and within the spirit of the game always.
3. Coaches shall not seek unfair advantage by teaching or encouraging deliberate unsportsmanlike behavior to players.
4. Coaches should not tolerate inappropriate or unsportsmanlike behavior at Games or Training Sessions from players or adults regardless of the situation.
5. Coaches shall not place demands on a Players' time so extensive as to interfere with academic goals or progress.
6. Coaches should direct Players to seek proper medical attention for injuries and to follow the physician's instructions regarding treatment and recovery.
7. Coaches should take an active role in educating their Players about sports nutrition, fitness and about prevention of tobacco use.
8. Coaches should educate themselves on a constant basis to provide their Players with the highest-level instruction possible.
9. Coaches should always place the Player's development first and place Team success second.

Responsibility to Referees

1. Referees must have the support of Coaches, Players and spectators. Coaches must always refrain from criticizing Referees in the presence of Players or spectators.
2. Professional respect, before, during and after the Game, should be mutual. There should be no demeaning or threatening dialogue or gestures between Referee, Coaches or Players.

3. Comments regarding a Referee should be made in writing to the appropriate organization assigning the Referee. For purposes of making such comments, the comments should be directed in writing to the Regional Referee Coordinator and the Certified Referee Assignor for the Club hosting the Game leading to the comments.

Other Responsibilities

1. Coach behavior must be such as to bring credit to himself, or herself, his or her Club and the sport of soccer.

2. While the concept of rivalry is wholly embraced, it cannot take precedence over exemplary professional conduct.

3. The attitude and conduct of the Coach towards Officials, Players, spectators and other coaches should be controlled and undemonstrative.

4. It is unacceptable for a Coach to have any verbal altercation with an opposing Coach or Player before, during or after the Game.

5. Coaches must use their influence on his/her teams' spectators to prevent intimidating and/or unacceptable behavior towards Officials including Referees, Player(s) and opposing team spectators.

6. Coaches will instruct their players, parents, and spectators that no consumption of alcoholic beverages, drugs, chewing tobacco or smoking material of any kind is permitted at Games or Training Sessions.

7. Coaches will instruct their players, parents, and spectators that dogs are prohibited at Games or Training Sessions except for dogs acting as service animals.