



Coach Code of Conduct

A coach plays an important role in youth soccer. Coaches are role models for not only their team members but for all participants involved in soccer. As a coach I agree to abide by the following:

- I accept and will implement the club's core values of Fun, Integrity, Fairness, Teamwork, and Stewardship in my actions as a coach and leader of youth athletes.
- I will place the emotional and physical well-being of my players ahead of a personal desire to win.
- I will treat each player as an individual, remembering the large range of differences in emotional and physical development for the same age group.
- I will provide a safe playing environment for my players.
- I will provide an environment that is fun and helps improve soccer skills. I understand that the three top reasons kids play sports are: a) to have fun, b) to make new friends, and c) to learn new skills.
- I will remember that I am a youth sports coach, and that the game is for the children and not the adults.
- I will abide by Santa Fe Soccer/CBYSA/STYSA rules regarding minimum playing time.
- I will be knowledgeable of the Laws of the Game and Santa Fe Soccer/CBYSA/STYSA rules and regulations, and teach these rules to all players on my team.
- I will encourage my team members to play by the rules and respect the rights of other players, coaches, spectators and officials.
- I will meet and greet officials and opposing coaches prior to the match to set the proper tone of the game.
- I UNDERSTAND THAT SANTA FE SOCCER HAS A ZERO-TOLERANCE POLICY TOWARD REFEREE ABUSE, AND THAT ANY VERBAL ABUSE AND/OR PHYSICAL ASSAULT BY ME TO AN OFFICIAL WILL RESULT IN LOSS OF COACHING PRIVILEGES OR OTHER PUNISHMENT.
- I understand that as coach, I am responsible for not only my own behavior but also the behavior of my team members. I will encourage their parents, other team coaches and personnel, and spectators at Santa Fe Soccer games to follow our Code of Conduct. I will take measures to help ensure that the fans of my team exhibit sportsmanship and maturity at all times, and will assist league and game officials in maintaining control of the spectator sidelines.
- I will only permit properly registered and approved adults who have passed a background check to assist me at practices and/or games.
- I will provide a sports environment for my team that is free of drugs, tobacco, alcohol, and abusive language and I will refrain from their use at all youth sports events.
- I understand that it is unethical to recruit player(s) actively playing for another team. In addition, I understand that recruiting is not allowed in the recreational league for teams or coaches.
- I will do my best to attend all coach meetings and coaching education clinics offered by Santa Fe Soccer, and will seek additional opportunities and programs through CBYSA/STYSA and other promoted outlets.
- I UNDERSTAND THAT, UPON REVIEW, SANTA FE SOCCER CAN AND WILL, IF NECESSARY, SUSPEND MY COACHING PRIVILEGES SHOULD I BEHAVE IN A MANNER THAT IS CONTRARY TO THIS CODE OF CONDUCT.

To provide complaints about coaches, parents, or referees, please send to:

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