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COACHES CODE OF CONDUCT

Coaching a team of young athletes is a high privilege that carries great responsibility. A coach should always demonstrate the highest ethical character and should serve as a role model for the players on his or her team. A coach must always remember the influence that he or she has over young athletes. The game is for the players.

(The term “Coach” shall include, but is not limited to Head Coach, Assistant Coach(s), Manager/Trainer and/or Team Representative).

This Code of Coaching Conduct has been developed to clarify and define basic expectations of professional, ethical, and moral behavior from coaches affiliated with the Wallkill Valley Rec Soccer Club.

- Teach and practice good sportsmanship and fair play by personally demonstrating commitment to these principals.
- Explain(and remind) parents what is expected of them and their children.
- Provide a positive role model for their players and parents, by consistently acting in a positive, controlled, and mature manner expected from an coach.
- Know the official Laws of the Game of soccer and the rules of the Wallkill Valley Rec Soccer League and abide by them.
- Coaches must adhere Wallkill Valley Rec’s soccer Mission Statement.
- Know that during the game, you are not to argue with or question the referee. If you have an issue, discuss it with the referee calmly and patiently at half or after the game. Disrespecting the referee will not be tolerated.
 - If you have a major complaint, or if you think the referee was biased, unfit or incompetent, report your opinion in a report to the league. Your report will be taken seriously if presented objectively, professionally, and concisely.
- Respect the coaches and players of the opposing team before, during, and after the game.
- Know that you are responsible for the conduct of the parents of your players before, during and after your match.
- Remember that soccer is a game, treat players and coaches on the teams as opponents, not enemies.
- Be respectful of all officials; League, Association, and Wallkill Valley Rec Soccer.
- The following will not be tolerated of our Coaches:
 - Obscene, profane, abusive language.
 - Obscene gestures.
 - Use of alcohol or illegal drugs.
 - Persisting in unsportsmanlike conduct.
 - Insubordination or disrespectful actions to the League, Association or officials or coaches or their operating rules and policies or the spirit of the rules and policies.
 - Attempting to injure anyone
 - Physical or verbal assault.

WVRS Recommended Coaching Best Practices

- Always remember, it's not all about winning but developing mature and well-adjusted children.
- Make it fun-if it's not fun, re-evaluate how you are teaching.
- Don't over coach, the children learn through playing the game.
- Provide positive reinforcement and build self-esteem-every practice, every game.
- Remember, attitude is learned, both positive and negative.

I understand that a failure to conform to the foregoing while attending, coaching, officiating or participating in a soccer event that I could be subject to disciplinary action, including but not limited to the following in any order or combination.

1. **Verbal Warning.**
2. **Written Warning.**
3. **Suspension or immediate ejection from the youth sporting event.**
4. **Season Suspension or multiple Season Suspension.**
5. **Or other disciplinary action(s) as determined by the board.**

*** This is in addition to any disciplinary measures levied by SCYSA, NJYS, or any other league.**

Print Name: _____ **Date:** _____

Coach's Signature: _____

Any issues, complaints or problems should be directed to your coach, WVRS Director, or League Contact for action, resolution, or consideration. Don't take matters into your own hands!