

# Crow River Soccer Club – Coach’s 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 the sport of soccer and young people. (The term “Coach” shall include, but is not limited to Director of Coaching, Head Coach, Assistant Coach(s), Manager/Trainer and/or Team Representative.)

## Responsibilities to Players

- Coaches shall instruct players to play within the written laws and within the spirit of the game at all times valuing safety and welfare of players over winning.
- Coaches should be a positive role model and set the standard for sportsmanship.
- Demands on a players’ time should never be so extensive as to interfere with academic goals and progress. Motivation for excellence should include academics as well as athletics. I will provide a sports environment for my team that is free of drugs, tobacco, and alcohol, and I will refrain from their use at all youth sports events.
- Coaches should continue their own education in the sport in order to be able to educate the players in technical, tactical, physical and psychological demands of the game for their level.
- It is recommended that coaches become certified in basic first aid and be prepared to handle medical emergencies at all practices and games.
- Coaches must complete and submit a and MYSA Disclosure Statement (Background check).
- I will be prepared for each game and practice.
  - For practices I will have a practice plan that efficiently uses the time available and teaches the players important age appropriate skills and strategies for the game of soccer.
  - For games I will have a game plan that will utilize the talents of all my players to the utmost while insuring that each player feels needed and respected.
- No matter how selected, I recognize that all players on my team have value, both as players and as a people.
  - I recognize that players are on the team to play, not to watch and that all players get playing time as outlined in CRSC policies.
  - As a coach it is not appropriate for me to teach the players that "life is not fair;" they will learn enough of that on their own. My job is to make the soccer part of their life as fair as possible, no matter what the level of competition.

## Responsibility for “The Laws of the Game”

- Coaches should be thoroughly acquainted with and demonstrate a working knowledge of the laws of the game of soccer.
- Coaches are responsible for their players’ application of the laws and actions on the field and must not permit them to perform with the intent of causing injury to opposing players.

## Responsibility to Officials

- Officials must have the support of coaches, players and spectators. Criticism of officials undermines their purpose in the game and will not be tolerated by coaches or parents.
- Officials should be treated with respect before, during, and after the game. Officials should be addressed as “Referee” and not by name. Professional respect should be mutual and there should be no demeaning dialogue or gesture between official, coach, or player.
- Comments regarding an official should be made in writing to the appropriate organization assigning the official.



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## Responsibility for Public Relations

- Coaches have a responsibility to promote the game of soccer to the public. Comments and critiques of governing bodies, teams, coaches, players, parents, or the media should be positive and constructive, never prejudicial or inflammatory.
- Coaches have the responsibility to assist their players in conducting themselves properly while representing their team and CRSC in public.

## Game Day and Other Responsibilities

- Coaches’ behavior must bring credit to their organization, and the sport of soccer.
- Coaches shall exhibit a respectful attitude towards players, officials, spectators, opposing players and coaches.
- Coaches should use their influence to control the behavior of their players, parents and spectators.
- In both victory and defeat, the behavior of a coach shall model grace, dignity and composure.

**Remember coaching is a privilege, not a self-serving obligation, and the positions are not handed out lightly! Treat the position and responsibilities with respect.**

Failure to comply may result in the suspension of your privilege to participate in the Crow River Soccer Club.

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Crow River Soccer Club Representative

Date

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Coach (Signature)

Date

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