

STANFORD SOCCER CLUB COACHES CODE OF CONDUCT

Players

1. Focus on your players' enjoyment of the game and their overall, long term development. Do not be overly concerned with results.
2. You are responsible for the sportsmanship of your players. It is imperative to explain acceptable training and game behavior to your players. If one of your players is disrespectful, irresponsible or overly aggressive during a training session or game, remove the player from the situation until he or she calms down.
3. You must acquaint yourself with the soccer 'Laws of the Game'. You are responsible for making sure your players understand the intent and application of the rules.
4. You must adhere to the letter and spirit of the game's rules and not circumvent the rules to seek an unfair advantage by deliberately teaching unsportsmanlike behavior. Fair play must be encouraged and emphasized within the training sessions and games.

Parents/Spectators

1. You are responsible for the conduct of the parents and other spectators.
It is imperative to explain acceptable parent/spectators behavior in a preseason meeting.
Encourage parents/spectators to applaud and cheer for good plays by either team. Discourage them from yelling at players and the referee.

Referees, Officials, and Opponents

1. Remember your example is powerful, for better or worse.
2. You shall treat officials and opponents with respect and dignity, and shall teach your players to do the same.
3. Do not criticize or verbally abuse referees. Your lack of respect for a referee will be noticed by your players and will be tacit approval for them to do the same.
4. Thank the referee and require your players to do the same.

Club

1. Be an example of dignity, patience and positive spirit for your players, players' parents/other spectators, and referees at all times
2. Coaches shall adhere to the highest standards and the regulations of the institutions they represent: Stanford Soccer Club.
3. Coaches shall model inclusive behavior, actively supporting cultural diversity while opposing all types of discrimination, including, but not limited to, racism and sexism, at all levels of soccer.
4. Coaches shall refrain from all manner of personal abuse and harassment of others, whether verbal, physical, emotional or sexual, and shall oppose such abuse and harassment at all levels of soccer.
5. Coaches shall respect and adhere to all guidelines and regulations of the governing bodies having oversight of their teams and leagues
6. Coaches shall seek to honor those who uphold the highest standards and principles of soccer and shall use appropriate protocol to oppose and eliminate all behavior that brings disrepute to the sport - violence, abuse, dishonesty, disrespect and violations of the Laws of the Game and rules governing competition.
7. When requested by the Board of Directors, a coach must notify the board of the number of teams he/she coaches (response required within 21 days).
8. A club coach must submit a signed Code of Conduct agreement to the Board of Directors when requested (response required within 21 days).
9. Uphold the Spirit of the Game at all times! If you follow the expectations described above, the spirit of the game will be alive and well and will grow, along with the enjoyment of all.

PENALTIES/VIOLATIONS

Any coach, player, parent or administrator found guilty of violating the intent, the spirit, or rules of Stanford Soccer Club Code of Conduct may be subject to team disciplinary sanctions of their club privileges.

Violation of the Club's Code of Conduct can result in sanctions for all teams coached by affected coach (e.g., the whole club is impacted with harmful behavior).

Acknowledgment

Coaches must convey this code of ethics to players, parents, and spectators so that their behavior and values bring credit to Stanford Soccer Club and the sport of soccer.

All coaches must agree that if they fail to abide by the aforementioned rules and guidelines they will be subject to disciplinary action by Stanford Soccer Club Board of Directors that include, but not limited to: warning, probation from Club events, and team sanctions of their club privileges from Stanford Soccer Club.

I, _____, have read and agree to uphold this Code of Conduct and whenever associated with Stanford Soccer Club.

Signature

Date

Coaching License Level

Referees certificate? (Circle One) Yes No