



Oregon Soccer Club

Code of Conduct - Coach

Last name: _____

First name: _____

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In order to ensure that the principles of sportsmanship, fair play, and mutual respect among players, coaches, officials, and spectators characterize all competition sponsored by the Oregon Soccer Club, the following Code of Conduct has been established. The Oregon Soccer Club expects that all coaches will maintain a high standard of conduct at all times and will enforce the standard firmly and fairly. This includes any competition or event in which Oregon Soccer Club uniforms are worn by players. The Board of the Oregon Soccer Club is the sole administrative body and is the final authority pertaining to policy and guidelines. The Board of Oregon Soccer Club reserves the right to select coaches whom they feel represent the Oregon Soccer Club, the Oregon community, and will abide by the following Code of Conduct. **The Board of Oregon Soccer Club reserves the right to dismiss any coach from the club if they do not uphold this Code of Conduct.**

STANDARD OF CONDUCT

1. **Act Professionally.** All Head Coaches and Assistant Coaches are expected to act professionally at all times when coaching for and representing the Oregon Soccer Club. This includes while in Oregon, in other communities, and at tournaments.
2. **Know the Rules.** Know the official Laws of the Game of soccer. Ensure the Oregon Soccer Club Code of Conduct is followed by all players and spectators.
3. **Respect Others.** Respect the coaches and players of the opposing team before, during, and after the game. Respect the game officials at all times. It is never okay to yell at the officials. Refrain from questioning their decisions or challenging their authority. Ensure that spectators exhibit sportsmanship and maturity at all times. Assist league and game officials in maintaining control of spectators during games.
4. **Be a good sport whether you win or lose.** Show a positive attitude toward the players, game officials, opposing coaches, and spectators watching the game. Take appropriate steps to minimize scoring in runaway games.
5. **Be a Positive Role Model.** Teach each player, especially through personal example, to be humble and generous in victory and proud and courteous in defeat. Maintain control of emotions and avoid actions, language, and/or gestures that may be interpreted as hostile and humiliating. Teach and practice good sportsmanship and fair play by personally demonstrating commitment to these virtues. Coaches should take a role in educating their players about sports nutrition and fitness and about prevention of drug, alcohol, and tobacco abuse. The coach shall avoid the use of alcohol or tobacco products when in contact with players at the soccer fields for games and/or practices.
6. **No Physical Contact.** All coaches are prohibited from touching, slapping, or hitting players in any way. Exceptions include providing medical assistance or providing appropriate encouragement, for example: giving a high-five, a knuckle-touch, or lightly patting the player on the top of the head. Any other physical contact may be interpreted as inappropriate.



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7. **Be Positive.** Coaches will not yell at, berate, nor belittle players in any way. Sarcasm and joking remarks should be kept at a minimum. Remember the mental maturity of those youth that we are serving. Voice volume may be raised only to ensure that the player(s) being addressed can hear for proper understanding, or to offer strong encouragement. Use of profanities by coaches will not be tolerated.
8. **Never Be Alone.** Under no circumstances is it allowed for a coach/volunteer to be alone with a player who is not their own child, for transportation, at the field, etc. All volunteers must be aware of circumstances for inappropriate behavior accusations. If any volunteer becomes aware of any situation that has this potential, they are obligated to report it immediately to the Head Coach and/or a member of the Oregon Soccer Club Board.
9. **Certification and Licensing.** All coaches must complete a Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association (WYSA) Risk Management/Background Check and SafeSport training.
10. **Playing Time.**
 - a) **Recreational teams, including Academy** - Players share time on the field equally, as much as possible. Coaches should rotate players to various positions frequently to experience all positions on the field. Players play where the coach places them and understand they will get a chance to play every position, even positions they may not prefer to play.
 - b) **Competitive teams** - Players shall play at least 50% of each game. Players play at positions assigned at the discretion of the coach. Players should not demand to play or not play certain positions. You must remember that you are playing competitive soccer and the coach will play you where it is best for the team and your individual development. Because the program goals include improvement of each participant's soccer skills and knowledge, coaches can, when appropriate, use game and practice situations to teach new positions to players. For younger teams (U11-U12 teams), coaches shall have players play multiple positions in games, for example: offense and defense, over the duration of the season.
11. **All coaches must always remember that the purpose of the Oregon Soccer Club is to provide a positive experience for the players, to teach proper techniques, to build self-confidence, and to provide positive adult role models. Anyone or anything that undermines these purposes shall not be part of this program.**

I agree to abide by this Coach Code of Conduct at all times.

Coach Signature: _____

Date: _____