



Coach Code of Conduct

All participants must agree to accept and abide by the rules of the Bonneville Youth Soccer League (BYSL) and its programs.

Purpose

This code of conduct has been developed to clarify and distinguish approved and accepted ethical and moral behavior from that which is detrimental to the development of soccer within BYSL.

Policy

Coaches participating in any program with BYSL are exercising a privilege afforded them by BYSL. This privilege is offered and granted to individuals who perform capably during BYSL sanctioned and approved activities. It carries with it an obligation for each individual coach to uphold and promote the stated goals and objectives. Any conduct considered unethical or a conflict of interest shall be subject to discipline by the BYSL.

Responsibility to Players

1. Coaches shall never place the value of winning over the safety and welfare of any players.
2. Coaches shall instruct players to play within the written laws of the game and within the spirit of the game at all times.
3. Coaches shall not seek unfair advantage by teaching deliberate unsportsmanlike behavior to players.
4. Coaches shall not tolerate inappropriate behavior from players, regardless of the situation.
5. Demands on players' time should never be so extensive as to interfere with academic goals or progress.
6. Coaches must never encourage players or parents to violate BYSL recruitment or eligibility rules or policies.
7. Coaches should direct players to seek proper medical attention for injuries and to follow the physician's instructions regarding treatment and recovery.

Responsibility to BYSL

1. Adherence to all BYSL and national and state affiliate rules and policies, especially those regarding player eligibility, team formation, and recruitment are mandatory and must never be violated. It is the responsibility of each coach to know and understand these rules.
2. Any problems that cannot be resolved between coaches should be referred to a BYSL official.

Responsibility to the Laws of the Game

1. Coaches should be thoroughly acquainted with and demonstrate a working knowledge of the Laws of the Game.
2. Coaches are responsible to assure their players understand the intent as well as the application of the Laws.
3. Coaches must adhere to the letter and the spirit of the Laws of the Game.
4. Coaches are responsible for their players' actions on the field and must not permit them to perform with intent of causing injury to opposing players.
5. The coach must constantly strive to teach good sporting behavior.

Responsibility to Officials

1. Coaches must always refrain from criticizing officials in the presence of players or spectators.
2. Coaches must not participate in demeaning dialogue or gestures between officials, coaches or players.
3. Coaches must not attempt to or incite players or spectators to disrupt the flow of the game.
4. Comments regarding officials should be made in writing to the appropriate organization assigning the official.

Responsibility of Public Relations

1. Coaches have a responsibility to promote the game of soccer to the public. Comments and critiques of governing bodies, teams, coaches, players, parents to the media should be positive and constructive.
2. Coaches have the responsibility to assist their players in conducting themselves properly when in public, when



representing their team, their club and BYSL.

3. Coaches must not attempt to influence BYSL in political or financial dealings outside the framework of their rules and By-Laws.

Other Responsibilities

1. Coaches must conduct themselves at all times in a manner such as to bring credit to himself/herself, the league and the sport of soccer ; and will not bring discredit upon the league or the sport.
2. The attitude and conduct of the coach towards officials, players, spectators and other coaches must be controlled and undemonstrative. Coaches must never use foul or abusive language before, during or after a game or training session.
3. It is unacceptable for a coach to have any verbal altercation with an opposing coach or bench before, during or after the game.
4. The coach has an obligation to be forthright when discussing advantages of his/her organization and refrain from making derogatory remarks regarding other coaches, teams and organizations.
5. It is unethical for a coach to make a statement or obligation to a prospective athlete or their parents or care-givers which cannot be fulfilled. It is illegal to promise any kind of compensation or inducement for play. It is immoral to deliver same.
6. Respect for property of others, adherence to rules and guidelines as stated here and observance of state and federal laws are required for participation in BYSL programs.

Discipline

Failure to abide by the above rules and guidelines may result in disciplinary action as determined by BYSL in adherence with BYSL Disciplinary Procedures.

I, the undersigned, have read, understand and agree to abide by the above rules and guidelines. I also agree to accept actions taken for failure to abide by these rules and guidelines.

Print Coach's Name

Signature of Coach

Date

Date Received by BYSL