



Coaching Code of Conduct

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 Freestate Soccer Alliance, the following Code of Conduct has been established by the Club Executive Committee. It is the obligation of the coach to create an environment that promotes this objective. If you have questions, or need to report a violation, contact our **Director of Rules and Discipline**. It is understood that this code of conduct is designed as a guide to promote an environment of good sportsmanship and fair play. The standards of behaviour identified in this code are not intended to be exhaustive. The participants should be aware that any behaviour not specifically described herein but failing to meet the spirit and intent of this code may subject those involved to disciplinary action.

COACHES

The coach's role is one of teaching soccer skills and sportsmanship to the players. The coach is responsible for communicating practice and game times to the players and parents. The coach is also responsible for monitoring the behaviour of the players and parents during practice and games. All coaches within the soccer program will promote good sportsmanship among players, foster team camaraderie, and help participants have fun while teaching players the technical and tactical skills of soccer. Unsportsmanlike conduct of coaches will not be tolerated by the program. By accepting a program assignment to coach a soccer team, you are making a commitment to the team, parents and Freestate, whether verbal or written, to teach and guide a team through a full "soccer" year (Fall and Spring seasons). The coach is also agreeing to uphold and support the policies and bylaws of the Freestate Soccer Alliance. In addition, each Coach will ensure that his/her conduct sets a good example for team members and spectators. To meet these responsibilities, the Coach is expected to:

- Know the official laws of soccer and the rules of the league, and abide by them. Ensure that the league rules are followed by all players and spectators. Instruct players and parents in the Laws of soccer and motivate players to compete accordingly.
- Respect the game officials, coaches and players at all times. Refrain from questioning the decisions or challenging the authority of the officials. Refrain from berating or making unkind comments, actions or gestures to an official, coach or player which would reasonably be expected to cause substantial embarrassment.
- Ensure that players and fans of his or her team exhibit sportsmanship and maturity at all times and assist league and game officials in maintaining control of spectators during games.
- Teach each player, especially through personal example, to be humble and generous in victory and proud and courteous in defeat. Teach and practice good sportsmanship and fair play by demonstrating a commitment to these virtues.
- Arrive for games and practices on time. Show respect for other teams and coaches by keeping practices to within the allotted time. Make sure your equipment and players are off of the field so another team may practice or another game may start. Show respect for the fields and equipment provided by the City of Bowie. Remember it is a privilege to use the fields and not a right.

By signing this code of conduct, you also agree that if you fail to abide by the aforementioned rules and guidelines, you will be subject to disciplinary action that could include, but is not limited to the following:

- Verbal warning by administrative head of organization
- Written warning (not to exceed 3)
- Game suspension with written documentation of incident kept on file by the organizations involved.
- Seasonal suspension (should include taking a coaching/ or some type of Conduct class before being allowed to return to coaching)
- Expulsion from organization

By participating in any Freestate Soccer Alliance Program you understand and agree that any failure to abide by the aforementioned rules and guidelines may result in disciplinary action against you. You also agree to abide by the policies and procedures set forth by The Freestate Soccer Alliance Program. Any such action may include but is not limited to those actions described above. It is furthermore understood and agreed that the Freestate Soccer Alliance specifically reserves the right impose disciplinary action above and beyond those actions described above as may be appropriate based upon the circumstances of the violation.

Name _____
(Signature)

Date _____