



Mifflin County Soccer Club

Coaches Guidelines

As a coach in the Mifflin County Soccer Club, I understand that I have a responsibility to my players, their parents and to the club to abide by a high level of conduct and meet certain expectations including the USSF Principals of Conduct (which appears on the following page) and the policies of the club including:

- ⊗ I understand that the team is formed for the players.
- ⊗ I understand that I am responsible for the behavior and conduct of my players, assistant coaches and parents, and will bring matters of inappropriate conduct before the Board.
- ⊗ I will avoid belittling or loudly correcting player mistakes.
- ⊗ I will treat all players fairly, equally, respectfully.
- ⊗ I will foster sportsmanship, fair play and a positive attitude.
- ⊗ I will teach my players to respect their opponents, their teammates, the coaches, the referees and the game officials
- ⊗ I will learn and teach the Laws of the Game and never teach my team to take advantage of them, I will insist on fair play.
- ⊗ I will be reasonable in my demands for players' time, understanding that education supersedes the sport.
- ⊗ I will be prepared and on time for all practices and games.
- ⊗ I will expect excellence while remembering that my players are children.
- ⊗ I understand the goal is development and I will avoid punishing mistakes on the field taking into account a player's skill level and work habits.
- ⊗ I will attempt to be positive and constructive in my comments, and will be an example of dignity, patience and sportsmanship.
- ⊗ I will avoid criticizing the referee, understanding that there will always be calls that one team or the other will disagree with.
- ⊗ I will encourage my parents to be involved not only with the players, but with the Club and Club activities.
- ⊗ I understand that I am to have a coach at every game and practice, and I will never leave a player unattended.
- ⊗ I understand that I am responsible to have all team paperwork submitted in a timely manner and attend all meetings. If I am unable to attend any meeting I will contact the coordinator in a timely manner.
- ⊗ I will leave any field clean, having my players pick up and dispose of trash, tape, water bottles etc. properly.
- ⊗ I will refrain from inappropriate language.
- ⊗ I will present any problems with parents, players or referee to the Board.
- ⊗ I understand that Club fines and suspensions will be identical to those established by CPYSL, EPYSA and USSF.

I am a valuable resource, a role model and an integral part of Mifflin County Soccer. I will set a high standard of behavior and performance in order to make Mifflin County Soccer a positive experience and uphold the *Spirit of the Game*.

I have read and understand these rules and responsibilities and agree to abide by such and follow the Code of Conduct guidelines. I also agree to accept actions taken for failure to abide by these guidelines and rules.

Coach (PRINT)

Coach (SIGNATURE)

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Date



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USSF Coaches Principles of Conduct

Safety

- ⊗ My first responsibility is the health and safety of all participants and follow up on all injuries with parents/guardians.
- ⊗ It is recommended that coaches become certified in the basic first aid, know 911 procedures, should know the location of the nearest emergency facilities, and ALWAYS carry complete team roster with them.
- ⊗ Be prepared to handle first aid situations as well as medical emergencies at all practices and games.
- ⊗ Inspect players equipment and field conditions for safety reason.
- ⊗ Utilize proper teaching and instructing of players regarding safe techniques and methods of play.
- ⊗ Implement appropriate training programs to make sure players are fit for practice and competition.
- ⊗ Supervise and control your players so as to avoid injury situations.

Player Development

- ⊗ Develop the child's appreciation of the game.
- ⊗ Keep winning and losing in proper perspective.
- ⊗ Be sensitive to each child's development needs.
- ⊗ Educate the players to the technical, tactical, physical and psychological demands of the game for their level.
- ⊗ Implement rules and equipment modification according to the players age group.
- ⊗ Allow players to experience ***all*** positions.
- ⊗ Players need to have fun and receive positive feedback.
- ⊗ Practice should be conducted in the spirit of enjoyment and learning.
- ⊗ Provide the appropriate number of training sessions and games according to the player's stage of development.
- ⊗ Strive to help each player reach his or her full potential and be prepared to move to the next stage of development.

Ethics

- ⊗ Strive to maintain integrity within our sport.
- ⊗ Know and follow all rules and policies set forth by clubs, leagues, state, and national associations.
- ⊗ Work in the spirit of cooperation with officials, administrators, coaches and spectators to provide the participants with the maximum opportunity to develop.
- ⊗ Be a positive role model
- ⊗ Set the standard for sportsmanship with opponents, referees, administrators and spectators.
- ⊗ Keep sport in proper perspective with education.
- ⊗ Encourage moral and social responsibility.
- ⊗ Just say no to drugs and alcohol.
- ⊗ Coaches should continue their own education in the sport.

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