

David Douglas Soccer Club Coaches Code of Conduct

I will:

- Remember that we are all here for the- "Good of the Game", and that we participate in the "Spirit of Fair Play".
- Continually communicate with parents to advance the sport.
- Treat all players, parents, opponents and referees with respect and courtesy at all times.
- Teach each player, by personal example to be humble in victory and courteous in defeat.
- Learn the Laws of the Game of soccer, respect and abide by them.
- Teach the Laws of the Game and sportsmanship to my players.
- Respect the game officials at all times, and require the same of my players.
- Remain calm and not make loud or offensive remarks.
- Teach and practice good sportsmanship and fair play.
- Ensure that I and all players control emotions and avoid actions, language, or gestures that maybe interpreted as hostile or humiliating.
- Ensure that fans are taught sportsmanship and to control their behavior before, during and after games.
- Assist the game officials in maintaining control of spectators during the games.
- Attend coaching clinics and learn the most effective ways to conduct practices.
- Teach players the skills necessary to develop in the sport.
- During the games, leave the decisions to the players.
- Observe the game, analyze and teach to reduce mistakes or enhance skills.
- Promote the concept that soccer is a game, and that players and coaches on other teams are opponents, and not enemies.
- Provide an environment for my team that is free of drugs, tobacco, and alcohol.
- Review and practice first aid principals to administer the injuries of my players.
- My assistant coaches, players, and I will be properly registered participants.
- Play the game and encourage parents to play and to referee.

Coaching Principals Safety

- My first responsibility is the safety and health of my players.
- Know and understand the Laws of the Game of soccer.
- Inspect player's equipment and field conditions for safety reasons.
- Implement appropriate training to ensure players are fit for practices and competition.
- Become certified in basic first aid.

Player Development

- Develop the child's appreciation for the game.
- Be sensitive to each child's developmental needs.
- Educate the players on technical, tactical, physical, and psychological demands of soccer, at their level
- Apply the rules and techniques applicable to the age group.
- Allow players to gain experience in all positions.
- Understand that players need to have fun to stay with any sport.
- Conduct practices in the spirit of enjoyment and learning.
- Strive to help each player reach their full potential and move on to their next stage of development.

Ethics

- Strive to maintain integrity within the sport.
- Know and follow the rules and policies set forth by the club, league, state and national associations.
- Work in the spirit of cooperation with administrators and game officials.
- Set the standard of sportsmanship for referees, spectators, and players.
- Encourage moral and social responsibility.
- Just say no to drugs, tobacco, and alcohol.
- Continue to improve my own knowledge and ability as a coach.