



River Falls Wildcat Soccer



COACH CODE of CONDUCT and ETHICS

Purpose:

This Code of Conduct has been developed to clarify and distinguish approved and accepted professional, ethical, and moral behavior from that which is detrimental to the development of the sport of soccer.

(The term “Coach” shall include, but is not limited to **Director of Coaching, Head Coach, Assistant Coach(s), Manager/Trainer and/or Team Representative.**)

Responsibilities:

1. Coaches must never place the value of winning over the safety and welfare of players. Players participate for pleasure and winning is only part of the fun.
2. Coaches shall never ridicule or yell at players for making a mistake or not winning. Coaches must respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
3. Coaches should not tolerate inappropriate behavior for players regardless of the situation. He/she must operate within the rules, spirit of the game and teach players to do the same.
4. Coaches shall be a positive role model and set the standard for sportsmanship. He/she must ensure that the time spent with him/her is a positive one and that all players deserve equal attention and opportunity.
5. Coaches shall display control, respect and professionalism to all involved with soccer. This includes, but is not limited to, opponents, coaches, officials, administrators, the media, parents and spectators.
6. Coaches must make sure that all players have a fair and equal opportunity to earn equal playing and training time regardless of their ability. Motivation for excellence should be the focus.
7. Coaches shall keep up to date with the latest coaching practices and the principles of growth and development of young players by continuing their own education in the sport so they are able to educate the players in technical, tactical, physical and psychological demands of the game for their level.
8. Coaches shall show concern and caution toward sick and injured player. Players should be directed to seek proper medical attention for injuries. Follow the advice of the physician when determining whether an injured player is ready to practice or play.
9. It is recommended that coaches become certified in basic first aid and be prepared to handle medical emergencies at all practices and games.



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10. Coaches are responsible for their players' actions on the field and must not permit them to perform with the intent of causing injury to opposing players.
11. Officials should be treated with respect before, during, and after the game. Officials should be addressed as "Referee" and not by name. Professional respect should be mutual and there should be no demeaning dialogue or gesture between official, coach or player.
12. Comments regarding an official should be made in writing to the appropriate organization assigning the official.
13. Coaches have a responsibility to promote the game of soccer to the public. Comments and critiques of governing bodies, teams, coaches, players and parents should be positive and constructive, never prejudicial or inflammatory.
14. Coaches have the responsibility to assist their players in conducting themselves properly while representing their team and league in public.

Any coach found guilty of violating this code of conduct and ethics will be subject to warning, probation or suspension by the Board of River Falls Wildcat Soccer Association.

Accepted this _____ day of _____ 20__

Coach Name: _____

Signature: _____