



Coaches Code of Conduct

Coaches and assistant coaches are expected to maintain a high level of sportsmanship, professionalism and integrity both on and off the field. A coach's primary responsibility is for his/her players to have fun, to develop soccer players, and to instill a passion for the game. Your performance as a coach is not measured in wins and losses, but rather in what you teach your players in terms of technique, sportsmanship and fair play. Coaches lead and teach by example.

To clarify expectations we expect all coaches to conform to this code of conduct:

- Promote the concept that soccer is merely a game and that players and coaches on other teams are opponents not enemies.
- Winning is a consideration, but not the only one, nor the most important one. You should care more about the child than winning the game.
- Be a positive role model to your players; display emotional maturity, patience, dignity and be alert.
- Learn to be an effective communicator and coach, don't yell at players. Never verbally or physically abuse a player, another coach or official; give all players the opportunity to improve their skills, gain confidence and develop self-esteem.
- During the game, you are responsible for the sportsmanship of your players. In your pre-season meeting with the team please review what the club expects from every player.
- During the game, you are responsible for the conduct of the parents and spectators of your players. It is imperative to explain acceptable behavior in a pre-season meeting by reviewing with them what the club has set as expectations. Encourage them to applaud and cheer for good plays by either team.
- Respect the game officials at all times. Refrain from questioning their decisions or challenging their authority. If you think the referee was unfair, biased, or incompetent, report your opinion to the Northwest District. Your reactions will be taken seriously if they are presented objectively and formally.
- Maintain a high level of sportsmanship, professionalism, and integrity both on and off the field and act in a way that does not discredit New Fairfield Soccer.