

## COACHES CODE OF CONDUCT

**The mission of the Southwest Jackson Soccer League (SWJSL) is to enhance the fulfillment and enjoyment of the soccer experience of every participant by emphasizing instruction, fun, Fair Play, responsibility, and sportsmanship. Inherent in this is the expectation of behavior to the accepted standards of conduct in the community by its players, parents, and coaches.**

- I will do my best to understand the Game of Soccer, be familiar with the Laws of the Game, and acquire the knowledge to effectively coach soccer.
- I will follow the rules and regulations established by MYSA and SWJSL and coach the Game, in accordance with the high standards of good sportsmanship and Fair Play.
- I will establish a coaching philosophy, goals, policies, rules, and player/parent responsibilities in support of the philosophy, goals, policies, rules, and responsibilities set forth by SWJSL. I will acquaint my team's players and parents of these items.
- I will promote having fun and learning ahead of winning. I accept the fact that losing is part of the game and that tomorrow is another day.
- I will treat the referee, opposing coaches/players/parents, and my players/parents with respect and demand the same from my players and parents. Abusive language and conduct will not be tolerated.
- I realize that MY conduct and demeanor on the sideline can and does have an impact on my players. (Note, that typically, player conduct often reflects the conduct of the coach.)
- I understand that I may be placed on probation, suspended, or relieved of my duties as coach for SWJSL as a consequence of my misconduct.
- I will control the conduct of my team's players, parents, and spectators to the best of my ability and will promptly report continued misconduct by any player, parent or spectator to the appropriate League Director.
- I will avoid actions that are detrimental to the good of the game, such as running up the score, coaching illegal or dangerous play, or taking improper advantage to win.
- I will give my players constructive criticism, positive encouragement, and instill sportsmanship.
- I will remind myself, other players, and parents that players do not make mistakes on purpose.
- I will provide the opportunity for every player on the team to improve play regardless of his/her ability. I will adhere to the player participation rules of SWJSL.
- I will acquire parent support and assistance where and when needed.
- I will strive to develop team spirit along with developing the confidence and self-esteem of the individual player.
- I will ALWAYS put the welfare of the GAME and the players above my own personal gain and goals. Soccer belongs to the players.

Consequences of misconduct apply to both home and away games. Coaches whose misconduct results in ejection from the game, must vacate the soccer complex and may be placed on probation, suspended, or relieved of my duties as coach for SWJSL.

**This SWJSL Coach's Code of Conduct is a written contract in which you agree to abide by the rules and regulations of SWJSL and the Laws of the Game. You agree to uphold the ideas of Fair Play, sportsmanship, as well as, maintain a cooperative attitude and act in a manner of acceptable behavior.**