



## COACH CODE OF CONDUCT

This Code of Conduct has been developed to clarify and distinguish between that which is accepted as professional, ethical and moral behavior from that which is detrimental to the development of soccer in our programs. (The term "Coach" shall include, but is not limited to Head Coach, Assistant Coach (s), Manager/Trainer and/or Team Representative.)

1. As a coach, I have read the rules and regulations of UNITED and FIFA and agree to follow and instruct my players according to these rules.
2. I will attend all coaches meetings and/or functions of UNITED or I will send a team representative.
3. I agree not to leave practices or games until a parent, guardian, or other authorized adult has picked up all players.
4. I agree to set a good example, and conduct myself respectfully and courteously and will provide a fun learning environment for the players and always treat everyone associated with the game with respect.
5. I will emphasize winning with grace and losing with dignity. I agree to control my temper and not over react to the events of the game.
6. As a coach, I will have on hand a first aid kit, the UNITED medical release and liability waiver readily available in case of an emergency.
7. I will discuss/clarify any questions that I may have with the referee and opposing coach before the game, to prevent any misunderstandings during the game.
8. I agree not to act in a disrespectful manner toward my players, opposing players, referees, board of directors, or parents. I understand that this inappropriate behavior will not be tolerated and is cause for suspension.
9. Coaches are responsible for their players' actions on the field. Unsporting tactics (i.e. The intent to injure players), unsporting behavior (offensive, insulting, or abusive language or gestures), illegal substitutions, taunting, and deliberate faking of injuries are considered unethical.
10. Neither I nor my players and spectators will address a referee before, during or after the game in a demeaning fashion. If I disagree with a referee's call/situation, I will inform the leagues President.
11. Coaches are responsible for the conduct of their players and the spectators on their side of the field, specifically as it relates to the referee, coaches, players and spectators on the other team. It is imperative to explain acceptable player and parent behavior in a preseason meeting. Verbal and/or physical abuse will NOT be tolerated and is cause for suspension.
12. If a coach approaches a referee or steps on to the field to challenge a call he/she will be asked to leave the game and the incident will be reviewed.
13. I will refrain from the use of tobacco, alcohol or drugs during any related soccer events, and if there is a child's parent who is abusing this policy I will ask the parent to refrain at such events or I will contact the clubs' President.
14. RECRUITING:
  - It is unethical to recruit players while they are registered on another team.
  - Coaches have an ethical obligation to be forthright and refrain from making derogatory remarks regarding other coaches, teams, and organizations when discussing the advantages of their organization
  - It is unethical for a coach or team rep to provide compensation or inducement to a player. It is unethical for any coach to make promises they cannot keep when recruiting players.

**I agree to abide by this Coaches Code of Conduct and agree to provide any personal information as deemed necessary to UNITED to perform background checks.**

**Violation of these rules may lead to your dismissal as a coach at the discretion of the UNITED Executive board and additional suspensions from US CLUB.**

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Coach Signature

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Date

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Team Name