



Meridian Youth Soccer Association Inc.

Coaches Code of Conduct

1. Ensure proper supervision of their team before, during and after games and practices and accept reasonable responsibility for their conduct and safety.
2. Be sensitive to parent concerns and establish regular communication with parents. Inform parent directly about schedules, practices, etc.
3. Physical abuse, verbal abuse or profanity will not be tolerated under any circumstances. Conduct towards players, parents, officials and other persons should always be made in a respectful manner. Coaches that are in contravention can be suspended immediately pending a Disciplinary Hearing.
4. Remember that the children need a coach that they can respect. Be generous with praise when it is deserved and set a good, positive example. Any coach or other team official found to be under the influence of alcohol while in the capacity with the team will be suspended immediately pending a Disciplinary Hearing.
5. Coaches shall make every effort to ensure that every player in its soccer program is given an equal amount of playing time regardless of gender, skill and ability level, race or age with only exceptions of sickness or injury or in the event of a discipline issue. In the event that the team has only one designated goal keeper, that goal keeper will be allowed to play the entire game. Ensure that your players and parents are ensured of this policy.
6. The referee shall be the solo judge of whether a game shall be suspended prematurely. In situations where there is no assigned referee, both coaches must agree upon a substitute (coach or parent) and this person shall be considered the game official. Both coaches and the substitution official must sign the game sheet prior to the commencement of the game acknowledging their consent to having the substitute referee act as the game official. It is not acceptable for a coach to withdraw his/her team from the field without the referee's permission.
7. No one is allowed to enter the field of play without the referee's permission under any circumstances, including player injury. This applies to any team officials, players or spectators. In the event of a player injury, the coach or team official must wait until he/she has permission from the referee before he/she enters the field of play. This applies whether or not there has been a stoppage in play.
8. Any coach who knowingly plays an ineligible or illegal player will be subject to MYSA Disciplinary Hearings.
9. Coaches must be reasonable in their demands of player's time, energy and enthusiasm. Remember that players DO have other interests. Always remember that your players are children, not miniature professional athletes.
10. Remember that children play for fun and enjoyment while learning to improve their soccer skills. Winning is only part of the game and this should be taken into perspective. Never reducible or yell at the children for making mistakes or losing a competition.