



Weatherford Soccer Association

Coaching Code of Conduct

Adopted from NTSSA

Please read and then print and sign name.

Coach's Code of Conduct

- (a) I will faithfully carry out my duties and obligations as a coach registered with Weatherford Soccer Association (WSA).
- (b) It is my duty to be knowledgeable of any changes in the International Football Association Board (IFAB) laws and rules regarding soccer and to maintain my training (download the IFAB app).
- (c) I acknowledge and accept the rules of North Texas Soccer Association (NTSA), which presides over WSA.
- (d) I acknowledge the TOTAL authority of referees in of any the soccer matches I participate in. I pledge that I will never interfere with their carrying out of their duties; before, during, or after a match.
- (e) Do not publicly question an official's judgment and honesty. Officials are symbols of fair play, integrity, and sportsmanship.
- (f) **There is NO unauthorized entry onto field of play during game** - A coach who enters the field of play during an active match without the express permission of the referee shall be subject to disciplinary action. If a coach enters the field without such permission, any player associated with the incident shall be required to leave the field of play until the next dead ball. The player may return at the next legal re-entry point in accordance with applicable league rules. Such incidents shall be referred to the WSA Appeals and Disciplinary Committee for review.
- (g) I understand that any criticism of WSA referees, other Coaches, and Board Members should be limited to constructive criticism using outlined WSA procedures.
- (h) I will always strive to conduct myself in the highest ethical and moral manner possible. Refrain from arguments or name-calling with all referees, other coaches and/or spectators.
- (i) Being a WSA Coach, my conduct is more noticed by all. I will strive to set a high standard of personal conduct when acting as a player, spectator, or official.
- (j) I acknowledge that my actions are always observed and in order to set the standard I will not use course or foul language in front of my players and parents.
- (k) When traveling outside of Weatherford, my conduct is even more important since my actions, and the actions of my team, will reflect upon our Association.
- (l) I understand that I may be disciplined for significant or repetitive breaches of this Code of Conduct; may include, but not be limited to, being placed on probation, suspended, asked to leave fields, asked to not be at Cartwright for a designated period of time, or refused future registration in WSA.

Coach Signature: _____

Date: _____



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Coaching Responsibilities

- (a) **NOTIFICATION OF TEAM MEMBERS...**Call members of your team as soon as possible. Your players will be anxious to hear from you. Tell them that they're on your team and provide them with the location, starting times, and duration of your practices.
- (b) Coaches are responsible for determining practice days, time, and location.
- (c) **RESPONSIBILITY FOR TEAM MEMBERS...**When you agree to coach a team, you accept responsibility for the **safety** of the team members. This covers all team activities...practice, games, and tournaments. Please get to your practices on time so that your players are **never** without adult supervision. Ask your parents not to leave players until you arrive. **Under no circumstances is any player to be left alone following practice or a game.** We understand you didn't volunteer to be a babysitter; however, you cannot risk the safety of any child entrusted to your care. If some parents appear to be late all the time, please call your WSA League Representative and the Board will attempt to help.
 - (a) Have all parents complete and sign the Medical Release Waiver so that you can obtain medical care for a player should the parent not be present.
- (d) Coaches are required to honor the WSA Coach's Code of Conduct.
- (e) **RESPONSIBILITY FOR PARENTAL BEHAVIOR...** Coaches are responsible for the behavior of his players, their player's parents, and their team supporters during games.
 - (a) Have all your parents sign and date the Parental Code of Conduct.
- (f) Coaches should maintain contact with their league representatives on a regular basis.
- (g) Attend or send a team representative to all WSA Board Meetings. You are a member of our Association and get a vote in WSA Board decision.
- (h) Notify your WSA League Rep if you do not plan to return as a Coach for next season.
- (i) Coaches should remain aware that Game Schedule periodically change; It is the Coach's responsibility to ensure their parents are aware of any schedule changes
- (j) Coaches are required to be knowledgeable of any changes in the laws of the game. A great resource is the International Football Association Board (IFAB) application which can be downloaded on your phone.
- (k) Coaches are highly encouraged to increase their coaching knowledge by attaining a Grassroots license through US Soccer Federation. The introductory coaching course is online and FREE.

Coaching Guidelines

- (a) Learn the game yourself and continue to learn – The laws of the game are ever changing.
- (b) Do not criticize the players; rather encourage the team to do better.
- (c) Do not demand that the kids win; only ask that they try their best.
- (d) Let everyone play; the benefits far outweigh winning all the time.
- (e) Do not type cast a player in one position. Let them experience all aspects of the game. Look for any hidden talent.
- (f) Do not lose your temper in front of the kids.
- (g) Parents should not pressure the kids; they should cheer the players on emphasizing the good and down-playing mistakes.
- (h) Get to know other coaches and officials; they are not your enemies, but rather your allies in teaching.
- (i) Rival coaches should meet and exchange friendly greetings before and after each game to set the correct tone for the event.
- (j) Let the kids play for the fun of it: It's their game!