

# NEU Coach's Code of Conduct

1. I will place the emotional and physical well being of my players ahead of a personal desire to win.
2. I will treat each player as an individual, remembering the large range of emotional and physical development that may exist within the same age group.
3. I will provide positive support, care and encouragement to all players regardless of the outcome of any game.
4. I will do my best to provide a safe playing and practice situation for my players.
5. I will promise to review and practice the basic first aid principles needed to treat injuries of my players, i.e. clean and cover cuts, scrapes, etc.
6. I will do my best to organize practices that are fun and challenging for all my players.
7. I will lead by example in demonstrating fair play and sportsmanship to all players, referees and coaches.
8. I will provide a sports environment for my team that is free of drugs, tobacco and alcohol, and I will refrain from their use at all NEU/Heartland sports events to include practices and games.
9. I will be knowledgeable in the rules of soccer and I will teach these rules to my players.
10. I will use those coaching techniques appropriate for each of the skills that I teach.
11. I will remember that I am a youth sports coach and that the game is for the children who play and not adults.
12. I will treat other players, coaches, fans and officials with respect and dignity regardless of race, sex, creed, physical limitations or ability at all times.
13. I will refrain from verbally abusing referees or any other officials at an NEU/Heartland sponsored sporting event, either as a coach or as a spectator.
14. I will ensure my players are only taught acceptable forms of on-field behavior which is in accordance with the rules of soccer and good sportsmanship including fair and safe tactics, and respect for the opposing team and officials.
15. I will follow the league's play format with regards to number of players and the positions required by the league.
16. I will maintain a roster for each team that I coach and will not substitute players from a different roster for any reason.

I understand that failure to follow the NEU Coach's Code of Conduct could result in league disciplinary action leading up to and including removal of my coaching privileges within the league. As a coach, I also understand that I am responsible for the behavior of the spectators and parents on my sideline. I will encourage other coaches, players and the parents of my players to follow and adhere to this Code of Conduct.

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NEU Soccer Coach

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