



COACHES CODE OF CONDUCT

Coaching is a privilege granted by the Des Moines Soccer Club and our member families, and with this privilege comes responsibilities. Coaches should keep in mind their position as role models for their players and must always maintain their personal integrity and decorum. The coaches set the tone in sportsmanship for the players and spectators. Coaches need to remember that this is youth soccer and a positive experience for all children involved is our number one focus.

Des Moines Soccer Club coaches must:

- Understand that, as a youth coach, the game is for the children and not the adults.
- Create a positive environment that is inviting to the players. Always praise players for trying hard, playing fair, and doing their best, regardless of the outcome of the game.
- Foster an environment of respect for referees, players, coaches, and opponents.
- Exhibit the ability to lose with dignity and win with humility.
- Applaud superior play, effort and sportsmanship by your players and your opponents.
- Create a training environment that follows the coaching curriculum provided by the DMSC Technical Director.
- Be considerate and reasonable in your demands on player's time, energy and enthusiasm. Being a part of a DMSC team is only one part of their busy lives.
- Communicate with parents the DMSC expectations as outlined in the Parent/Guardian Code of Conduct.
- Ensure that all players are given equal attention and opportunities.
- Ensure that every player on recreational teams receives equal playing time and is on the field for at least 50% of every game.
- Provide a safe environment for all players.
- Be knowledgeable of all rules associated with your level of play.
- Always display good sportsmanship and fair play, and demand the same from players, colleagues, opponents, parents and spectators.
- Refrain from negative coaching on the sidelines. Refrain from yelling at players, opponents and game officials from the sidelines.
- Never dispute, challenge, or excessively argue any decision made by referees. Do not confront a referee at the field before, during or after a game. When necessary, take the time to calmly and rationally discuss any situations with DMSC officials and/or league officials after the game.
- Never criticize or yell at any player for making a mistake. Never swear, use profanity or make obscene gestures, or engage in any inappropriate behavior or conduct, at any time. DMSC has zero tolerance of any physical or verbal abuse.
- Comply with all the COVID guidelines and protocols set forth by DMSC and ISA
- Demand a sports environment that is free from drugs, alcohol and tobacco and refrain from their use at all games, practices and events.

- Violations of the DMSC Coaches Code of Conduct may result in disciplinary action that could include:
 - Warning
 - Probation
 - Game suspension
 - Season suspension
 - Removal from program

Coach Name

Date

Coaches Signature