



As a Metro Community League Coach, I agree to abide by the following:

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 differences in emotional and physical development for the same age group.
3. I will do my best to provide a safe playing situation for my players. This includes being aware of players' equipment, the condition of the playing facility, and making sure injured players follow appropriate return to play protocols, including requiring written permission from a medical professional when a serious injury requiring medical treatment occurs.
4. I will provide a sports environment for my team that is free of drugs, tobacco, alcohol, and abusive language, and I will refrain from their use at all practices, games, and events.
5. I will guarantee all field players will play appropriate amounts of time in every scheduled game assuming the players have met the standards put in place by the coach. I will be knowledgeable of the Laws of the Game, Metro Community League rules and regulations, and/or external event rules and regulations, and I will teach these rules to all players on my team.
6. I will remember that I am a youth sports coach, and that the game is for the children and not the adults.
7. I will encourage my team members to play by the rules and respect the rights of other players, coaches, fans, and officials.
8. I will meet and greet officials and opponent coaches to set the proper tone of the game.
9. I will *not* abuse referees. Referee abuse includes but is not limited to shouting dissent over a call from the sidelines, criticizing the referee's performance in front of players, debate over a call or the referee's performance after the game has finished, or other acts of disrespect toward the referee or game officials.
10. I understand that as coach, I am responsible for not only my own behavior but also the behavior of my team members, their parents, and fans at games. I will manage the sidelines to provide a quality soccer experience for my players.
11. I understand that (upon review) the Metro Community League can, and will if necessary, suspend my coaching privilege should I behave in a manner that is contrary to this Code of Conduct.