

Inverness Soccer Club

CODE OF CONDUCT

The Inverness Soccer Club “ISC” is aware of the ever increasing incidents of conflict and violence in youth sport leagues across the country. In every instance these conflicts can be traced back to the conduct and character of the coaches and parents. The following code of conduct is expected of all coaches, assistant coaches and parents.

1. All coaches are subject to background checks. Based on the results of the background check, league officials have the right to deny application of volunteerism. Therefore, the IYSA Disclosure Statement must be completed and filed with ISC prior to the first game.
2. **As an “ISC” coach your character is constantly being evaluated. It is expected that you are a role model for your players, the opposing players and the parents in attendance.** You will set the tone for what is appropriate. Your demonstration of character and attitude are more important than the soccer skills you teach.
3. As a reminder the ISC is not a “WIN AT ALL COST” League. ISC is a RECREATIONAL/INSTRUCTIONAL League. Our primary function is to provide a positive soccer experience for our player’s participants. The core philosophies of the league are:

SPORTSMANSHIP
Recreation
Fundamentals
Skill Instruction
Tactical Instruction
Competition

So that there is no misinterpretation or misunderstanding, there is an emphasis on the philosophy of **SPORTSMANSHIP** superseding all others. This applies to all coach’s actions while on Park District property during and after play and as a representative of ISC.

4. **IT IS NEVER APPROPRIATE TO DIRECT ANY CRITICISM TOWARDS THE REFEREE.** Nor, is it appropriate to vocally question a referee’s call to either the players or those in attendance. ISC uses youth referees. Even though they are certified by IYSA they are in a learning process and subject to make procedural and interruptive mistakes. It is never appropriate to “engage” a referee **during or after the game.** Complaints about a specific referee must be submitted in writing to the league referee coordinator or directors. Formal game protest will not be enthusiastically entertained. A loss based on a bad call may be the biggest challenge to your character. You will be expected to use the experience as a teaching opportunity. Work with the other coach in approaching any problem that may be transpiring during the game.
5. At no time should a coach have inappropriate contact with the players. Congratulatory contact should be limited to “high fives” and head pats. It is never appropriate to grab a player, including efforts to put the player in position.

6. Use of profanity in either practice or games mandates an immediate disqualification and possible additional sanctions.
7. The referee can disqualify a coach and or parent from a game in progress. Any coach or parent disqualified from a game is also subject to additional sanctions of the league directors. Any coach/parent disqualified from a game is required to leave Park District property immediately. Failure to do so will mean forfeiture of that game plus additional league sanctions.
8. Coaches can be held responsible for the conduct of their team's spectators.
9. It is the responsibility of the coach to prohibit any participation in either practice or game until the medical waiver has been signed and returned by player's parent/guardian.
10. Your position as a volunteer coach is subject to termination any time for conduct found to be in violation of the above "CODE OF CONDUCT". Suspension and terminations are at the sole discretion of the league directors.

"I, _____, have read and understand the ISC policy on Coaches code of conduct. I hereby agree to abide by this policy and not to engage in any of the prohibited transactions. I understand that, if I fail to follow the terms of the foregoing league policy, I may be subject to disciplinary action by the League".

Date: _____ Signature: _____

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