



COACHES CODE OF ETHICS & CONDUCT

- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every member (i.e. players, parents / spectators) of the Vaughan Soccer Club (VSC), game officials, associated leagues and all governing bodies
- Always maintain the highest of principles, integrity, dignity, professionalism, sportsmanship and maintain the highest of standards of personal conduct and behaviour on and off the field: coaches' behaviour must be such as to bring credit to yourself, your team and the VSC organization.
- Not smoke and / or use smokeless tobacco on the field
- Manage and accept responsibility for the conduct / behaviour of the players, parents, spectators / fans
- Shall not, under any circumstances, criticize any member of the opposing team: its players, coaches, parents / spectators, by word of mouth or by gesture of any kind: not use abusive or profane language at any time
- Must always , exercise self-control, demonstrate excellent behaviour, be considerate of others, be courteous and exhibit good manners
- Refrain from public criticism (on and off the field) of fellow coaches and of any VSC member: any personal differences and / or disagreements should be dealt with on a personal basis and more serious disputes should be addressed to the club.

Player:

- Contribute to the overall success, physical, and athletic growth of the player through participation
- Be a good instructor and a positive role model for my players

Game officials:

- As my attitude towards game officials can influence my players and spectators: I will always display a controlled and undemonstrative attitude toward Referees at all times. I shall neither exhibit nor tolerate any behavior from others (staff, squad, or fans), verbal or otherwise, that might reflect poorly on an official. This includes, but is not limited to, arguing a judgment call in such a manner as to incite players and spectators against an official.
- Accept decisions of the game officials as being fair and called to the best ability of the said official

Opposing team:

- I will not coach, nor allow my players to play, with intent to cause injury to opposing players and neither I nor my players and spectators will display hostile behavior towards opposing players
- I will emphasize winning without boasting and losing without bitterness and prepare performers to respond to success and failure in a dignified manner
- Treat opponents with dignity and due respect, both in victory and defeat, and shall encourage my players to act in a similar manner.

Violation of the code of conduct, Club Policies and by-laws and / or rules of the game will be subject to disciplinary action, which will be over and above any action / discipline / suspension imposed by any associated leagues, York Region Soccer Association and / or Ontario, which could include, but is not limited to the following:

- Written warning from the Club
- Game forfeiture: house league games
- Game or games suspension
- Suspension from all soccer activities; one week to 12 months
- Loss of future coaching privileges and / or expulsion from the VSC

I, _____, have read, understand and agree to abide by the above guidelines. I also agree to accept any action / penalties levied for failure to abide by the Code of Ethics & Conduct

Signature: _____

Date: _____