



Phoenixville Area Soccer Club Coaches Code of Conduct

We at PASC believe that soccer should be a fun, educational, and positive experience for all players, coaches, parents, and spectators. We believe that everyone who coaches within PASC is, first and foremost, a teacher of the game with a duty to ensure he or she is coaching with and exhibiting the highest sportsmanship and ethical values.

- 1. Trustworthiness.** I will be worthy of trust in all I do and teach players the importance of integrity, honesty, reliability, and loyalty.
- 2. Respect.** I will treat all people (parents, coaches, players, opponents, officials) with respect at all times and will require the same of my players.
- 3. Class.** I will be a good sport, teach and model good behavior, be gracious in victory and dignified in defeat, encourage players to give fallen opponents a hand, compliment extraordinary performance, and show sincere respect in pre- and post- game rituals.
- 4. Referees.** I will treat referees with respect. I will not complain about or argue with referee calls or decisions during or after a game. I will use PASC or league approved methods for reporting referee issues to the proper authority, and I will require the same of my players and spectators.
- 5. Coaching.** I will use positive coaching methods to make every player's experience enjoyable, increase self-esteem, and foster a love for and appreciation of the sport. I will refrain from physical or psychological intimidation, verbal abuse, and conduct that is demeaning to the players or others.
- 6. Effort and Teamwork.** I will encourage players to pursue victory with honor, to think and play as a team, to do their best and continually strive to improve through personal effort and discipline. I will discourage selfishness and put less emphasis on the final outcome of the contest than upon effort, teamwork, and competing with character.
- 7. Role Model.** I will be a worthy role model, be always mindful of the high visibility and great influence I have as a coach, and consistently conduct myself in a manner that exemplifies the traits I wish to develop in my players.
- 8. Personal Conduct.** I will refrain from profanity, disrespectful conduct, and the use of alcohol and tobacco in front of the players.
- 9. Competence.** I will strive to improve my coaching competence, acquire increased proficiency in coaching principles appropriate for my team's age group, and to whatever degree possible, seek certification and training as a coach.
- 10. Knowledge of the Rules.** I will maintain a thorough knowledge of current game and competition rules and will ensure that my players know and understand the rules.

11. Integrity of the Game. I will protect the integrity of the game, teaching and playing the game according to the rules.

12. Safe Competition. I will put safety and health considerations above a desire to win. I will never permit players to intentionally injure another player or engage in reckless play that might cause injury to themselves or others.

13. Concussion Awareness. I will comply with the Eastern Pennsylvania Youth Soccer Association, state of Pennsylvania, and PASC regulations and complete the required concussion training certification before the start of the soccer season.

14. Background Check. I will voluntarily submit to a background check to verify that I have no history or record of abuse or misconduct.

I have read and understand the requirements of this Code of Conduct. I will act in accordance with this code. I understand that club officials will and should expect me to follow this code and have the right to dismiss me if I do not.

Coach Name (Printed)

Coach Signature

PASC Program / Team Name / Age Group

Date