

EVANSVILLE SOCCER CLUB – COACHES STANDARDS OF CONDUCT

A – COACHING BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS

Coaches and their assistants are representatives of the ESC and must conduct themselves in accordance with the Coaches Code of Ethics and the Rules and Regulations of this organization. This policy applies whenever an ESC coach is at an ESC function, regardless of their role at that function. In addition:

1. Coaches are to conduct themselves in a responsible manner and comply with the Coaches Code of Ethics.
2. Coaches are responsible for the conduct of their assistant coaches, managers, players and their parents as well as their team's spectators at all league games.
3. Coaches should remain in the "Coaching Area" during the game. This area shall consist of a rectangular area **off** the playing field, and extending between the "penalty areas" at each end of the field.
4. A maximum of 3 coaches shall be allowed within the "Coaching Area" on the **players' side** of the field only.
5. No Coaches, players or spectators are permitted behind the goal lines during the game.
6. **No One** shall distract or talk to the referee during play. Any questions about calls or explanations of rulings shall be made during the stoppage of play between the periods and should be in the presence of **both coaches and all referees.**

Habitually running up scores or making no effort to hold scores down will not be tolerated.

B – MISCONDUCT EXAMPLES

1. Offensive, insulting or abusive language directed at players, coaches, referees or spectators is not allowed.
2. Offensive, insulting, or abusive gestures or actions directed at players, coaches, referees or spectators are not allowed.
3. Sexual harassment, discrimination or abuse in any form is not allowed.
4. Unsportsmanlike behavior and conduct deemed inappropriate relative to the coaches' position as an instructor, mentor and role model in a recreational youth organization are not allowed.
5. Any violations of the Coaches Code of Ethics.

6. Any physical threat or physical contact (assault) with any other coach, assistant coach, team manager, player, parent, spectator or a referee before, during or after a game.
7. Leaving a minor player(s) or minor referee(s) unattended after a game or practice.
8. Repeated incidents of Misconduct.
9. Other serious offenses that jeopardize the safety and well-being of players, coaches, spectators or referees.

VIOLATIONS OF COACHES STANDARDS OF CONDUCT

Any reports from referees, opposing coaches, players or parents that allege violations of the Coaches Code of Ethics, misconduct or severe misconduct must be officially filed with the President of the Board and will be addressed in accordance with Evansville Soccer Club Complaint and Disciplinary Procedure Policy.