



Collingwood United Soccer Club

Code of Conduct Coach & Officials

Introduction

Everyone involved in sports – from parents and supporters to athletes, officials and coaches can and should lead by example. The easiest way to do this is to respect the written and unwritten laws of the game. This Code of Conduct is intended to honour and abide by the OSA Code of Conduct and CUSC Constitution.

Responsibility of a Coach & Team Officials

Commitment

- Advise your players and parents of absences in advance and make alternative arrangements as necessary.
- Arrive to games and practices on time.
- Work to improve the performance of the players and the team.
- Provide a quality soccer program for players with a positive environment/atmosphere.

Know Your Subject

- Know and understand the laws of the game. Encourage players to play within the laws of the game.
- Honour all laws of the game especially those which forbid abusive language and sexual or racist remarks.
- Communicate with players, parents/guardians to ensure all understand, support and abide by the laws of the games and codes of acceptable conduct.

Respect

- Act in a sporting manner at all times.
- Display respect for all team coaches, players, parents, supporters and game officials.
- Decisions of game officials will be accepted absolutely.
- Game officials are not to be verbally and/or physically abused in any manner whatsoever.
- Players are not to be verbally and/or physically abused in any manner whatsoever.
- The team Head Coach is responsible for ensuring that the laws of the game and code of conduct are understood and abided by supporting coaching staff and managers.

Enthusiasm

- Assume the best of each other.
- Maintain a positive attitude at games and practices.
- Cheer all good plays, both for your team and the opponents.

Personal Conduct

- Wear your uniform proudly.
- Coach by the laws of the game.
- Work equally hard for yourself and your team.
- Control your temper. Abusive or foul language and/or violent conduct directed towards any persons involved in the game will not be tolerated.
- Maintain the high standards of personal conduct and fair play.

Concussions

Understanding

- A concussion is a brain injury that can have both short- and long-term effects.
- A blow to the head, face or neck, or a blow to the body that causes the brain to move around inside the skull may cause a concussion.
- You do not need to lose consciousness to have had a concussion.
- If you think your player might have a concussion, they should stop participating in any further training, practice or competition **immediately**. Continuing to participate in further training, practice or competition with a possible concussion increases your player's risk of more severe, longer lasting symptoms, and increases the risk of other injuries.
- If a player has a suspected concussion, they will be removed from sport and will not be able to return to training, practice or competition until they undergo a medical assessment by a medical doctor or nurse practitioner and have been medically cleared to return.

Reporting

- You have a commitment to concussion recognition and reporting.
- If any player shows **any** symptoms of concussion, you will report it to the CUSC. You will not hide their symptoms.
- If someone else tells you about concussion symptoms, or you see signs others might have a concussion, you will report this to the CUSC.
- You will create an environment where players feel safe and comfortable speaking up. Encourage players not to hide their symptoms, but to tell you, an official, parent or another adult they trust if they experience any symptoms of concussion after an impact.
- Commit to providing opportunities before and after each training, practice and competition to enable players to discuss potential issues related to concussions.
- You understand your commitment to supporting the CUSC Removal from Sport protocol.

Recovery

- You will take the time your player needs to recover, because it is important for their health.
- You understand your commitment to supporting the CUSC Return to Sport protocol.
- You understand your player has to be medically cleared by a medical doctor or nurse practitioner before returning to training, practice or competition.
- You will respect fellow coaches, team trainers, officials, parents, health-care professionals, and medical doctors and nurse practitioners, and any decisions made with regards to the health and safety of your players.

Conclusion

This Code of Conduct should be supplemented with a high degree of common sense and keeping the best interests of the players and the game in mind. Please read this Code of Conduct and embrace its content and spirit. Violation of the guidelines may result in disciplinary actions that could include, but are not limited to, verbal and/or written warnings, as well as coach, parental, and in extreme cases, player suspension.

Let's make participation in soccer FUN for everyone.