



COACHES CODE OF ETHICS

Wise County Youth Soccer Association has adopted the following Code of Ethics for persons involved in any WCYSA sponsored program. This Code of Ethics is adapted from the National Soccer Coaches Association of America. All head coaches, assistant coaches and volunteers are held to this standard of behavior.

1. Soccer is the players' game. The paramount concern of coaches is the holistic development, welfare, enjoyment and safety of their players.
2. Coaches bear responsibility for teaching their players to strive for success while playing fairly, observing the Laws of the Game and the highest levels of sportsmanship.
3. Coaches shall treat officials with respect and dignity, and shall teach their players to do the same.
4. Our opponents are worthy of being treated with respect. Coaches will model such respect for opponents and expect their players to do likewise.
5. In both victory and defeat, the behavior of a coach shall model grace, dignity and composure.
6. Coaches shall adhere to the highest standards and the regulations of the institutions they represent: clubs, schools, sponsoring organizations and sports governing bodies.
7. Coaches have a responsibility to promote the interests of soccer, including treating media with courtesy, honesty and respect.
8. Coaches shall model inclusive behavior, actively supporting cultural diversity while opposing all types of discrimination, including, but not limited to, racism and sexism, at all levels of soccer.
9. Coaches are responsible for taking an active role in education about, and prevention and treatment of, drug, alcohol and tobacco abuse, both in their own lives and in the lives of their players.
10. Coaches shall refrain from all manner of personal abuse and harassment of others, whether verbal, physical, emotional or sexual, and shall oppose such abuse and harassment at all levels of soccer.

11. Coaches shall respect the declared affiliations of all players, and shall adhere to all guidelines and regulations on recruiting established by the governing bodies having oversight of their teams and leagues.
12. Coaches shall seek to honor those who uphold the highest standards and principles of soccer and shall use appropriate protocol to oppose and eliminate all behavior that brings disrepute to the sport - violence, abuse, dishonesty, disrespect and violations of the Laws of the Game and rules governing competition.
13. "Avoiding the Blowout". All WCYSA coaches are expected to follow this rule in all competitions that goal forced vs. goals allowed differential is not calculated. Even though coaches make every attempt to balance the relative strength of teams in a particular age group, there are frequently cases where relatively weak teams play games against considerably stronger teams. Running up the score by a margin greater than five goals lessens the enjoyment of the game for the opposing team, and in an effort to promote good sportsmanship, Wise County Youth Soccer Association prohibits its coaches from "blowing-out" other teams in all age groups. When the goal differential of the game reaches five goals, the coach of the team leading the match shall (with no exceptions) do the following in this order until the goal differential is less than four:
 - a. Move current offensive players to their defensive portion of the field for the remainder of the match
 - b. Limit the number of players in the offensive portion of the field for the remainder of the match
 - c. Place only players who have not scored a goal in the offensive portion of the field
 - d. If all previous remedies fail to reduce goal differential, the coach should then begin reducing the number of players on the field by one until differential is less than four