

# Harbor Soccer, Inc.

## Coach Code of Conduct

- I will be responsible for all the kids on my team.
- I will do my best to ensure that all the kids have fun playing soccer and promote the emotional and physical well-being of the athletes ahead of any personal desire to win.
- I will treat all kids with respect and avoid negative criticism.
- I will teach all kids the skills of the game, the values of teamwork, and the meaning of good sportsmanship.
- I will lead by example and always demonstrate good sportsmanship during games
- I will see that each player plays a minimum of  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the game minutes, per NMSA & MSYSA rules. This is to be followed unless there is a disciplinary measure that justifies a change in minutes per the coach's discretion.
- I will provide only encouragement and positive direction to players during games.
- I will know the rules and always play by the rules.
- I will respect the officials and their authority.
  - After the game, thank the referee and ask your players to do the same.
- I will communicate to the league if I think there is a referee issue that needs to be addressed.
- I will communicate with the parents on my team and inform them of all the practices and games.
- I will hold a team parent meeting at the start of the season. This is in addition to the league kickoff meeting.
- I will respect all facilities and equipment made available for my team to practice and play games.
- I will report to the Harbor Springs, Inc. Board any perceived misconduct by a coach, player, parent, or official so it can be dealt with in the appropriate manner.

To clarify expectations of coach conduct, the Harbor Springs, Inc. Board expects all coaches to conform to this code of conduct. Your example is powerful, for better or worse. You should insist on fair play and concentrate on your player's enjoyment of the game and their overall, long term development. If you support the referee, your player and their parents will notice. Coaches should be an example of dignity, patience, and positive spirit. If not followed, the Board reserves the right to assess each infraction and determine resolution as deemed appropriate.

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Coach Signature

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Date