



Concord FC Travel Soccer Coach Policy

Coaching is a privilege offered and granted to individuals who perform capably during New York State West Youth Soccer Association (NYSWYSA) sanctioned and affiliated associations' activities. It carries with it an obligation for each individual coach to uphold and promote the stated goals and objectives. Any conduct considered unethical or a conflict of interest shall be subject to discipline by the Northern Chautauqua Soccer Association (NCSA).

Article I – Responsibilities to Players

1. The coach shall never place the value of winning over the safety and welfare of players.
2. Coaches shall instruct players to play within the written laws of the game and within the spirit of the game at all times.
3. Coaches shall not seek unfair advantage by teaching deliberate unsportsmanlike behavior to players.
4. Coaches shall not tolerate inappropriate behavior from players regardless of the situation.
5. Demands placed on players' time shall never be so extensive as to interfere with academic goals or progress.
6. Coaches must never encourage players to violate NCSA or NYWYSA eligibility or players' rules or policies.
7. Coaches shall direct players to seek proper medical attention for injuries and to follow the physician's instructions regarding treatment and recovery.

Article II – Responsibility to NCSA

1. Adherence to all NCSA and NYWYSA rules and policies, especially those regarding eligibility and team formation and member association rules and policies that are mandatory and should never be violated. It is the responsibility of each coach to know and understand these rules.
2. Any problems that cannot be resolved between coaches should be referred to the appropriate club/league officer or committee.

Article III – Responsibilities to the Laws of the Game

1. Coaches shall be thoroughly acquainted with and demonstrate a working knowledge of the Laws of the Game.
2. Coaches are responsible to assure their players understand the intent as well as the application of the Laws.
3. Coaches must adhere to the letter and spirit of the Laws of the Game.
4. Coaches are responsible for their players' actions on the field and must not permit them to perform with intent of causing injury to opposing players.
5. The coach must constantly strive to teach good sporting behavior.

Article IV – Responsibility to Officials

1. Officials must have the support of coaches, players and spectators. Coaches must always refrain from criticizing officials in the presence of players or spectators.
2. Professional respect, before, during and after the game must be mutual. There must be no demeaning dialogue or gestures between official, coach or player.
3. Coaches must not incite players or spectators or attempt to disrupt the flow of the game.
4. Comments regarding an official should be made in writing to the appropriate organization assigning the official.

Article V – Responsibilities Regarding Scouting and Recruiting

1. It is unethical for a player to be recruited or enticed from the Olympic Development Program (ODP) setting, either by his ODP coach or any other coach, manager, player parent or team representative.
2. When discussing the advantages of his/her organization, the coach has an obligation to be forthright and refrain from making derogatory remarks regarding other coaches, teams and organizations.
3. It is unethical for any coach to make a statement to a prospective athlete which cannot be fulfilled; illegal to promise any kind of compensation or inducement for play; and immoral to deliver same.
4. Coaches shall not scout any team, by any means whatsoever, except in regularly scheduled games.

Coach initials _____

Article VI – Responsibility of Public Relations

1. Coaches have a responsibility to promote the game of soccer to the public. Comments and critiques of governing bodies, teams, coaches, players, parents or media must be positive and constructive.
2. Coaches have the responsibility to assist their players in conducting themselves properly when in public, when representing their team, NCSA, and the NYSWYSA.
3. Coaches must not attempt to influence NCSA, NYSWYSA, or other clubs/leagues in political or financial dealings outside the framework of their own rules and bylaws.

Article VII – Other Responsibilities and expectations

1. Complete and submit an application including references.
2. If deemed necessary, attend an interview with members of the Concord FC Travel Soccer Committee (Concord FC).
3. Submit a background check through the affiliating organization, NYSWYSA.
4. Make efforts to attend at least one appropriate training every other year. Training can consist of a USSF licensing program, a first aid and CPR course, a high school soccer coach training, or any other training approved by Concord FC.
5. Hold a parent meeting early in the season (and as needed thereafter) to communicate league, club, and personal coaching philosophies.
6. Inform parents about how best to communicate with coaches and provide a training schedule.
7. Attend a Southern Tier Travel Soccer League (STTSL) coaches’ meeting in Randolph in April or find a reliable substitute to represent the team at this meeting. (Spring Travel only)
8. Address schedule conflicts by the final reschedule date determined by the STTSL/Fall Travel by contacting opposing coach, setting reschedule date/time/location, and notifying league representative.
9. Hold practices at least twice per week (weather and space permitting). It is mandatory to seek permission from NCSA for practice locations to ensure proper insurance coverage.
10. Attend at least 75% of games, and find a reliable substitute when unavailable.
11. Reschedule games that are canceled due to inclement weather with opposing coaches according to STTSL/Fall Travel policy, notifying league rep in order to secure field and referees in advance.
12. The behavior of coaches must be such as to bring credit to themselves, NCSA, NYSWYSA, STTSL/Fall Travel, and the sport of soccer. Abusive or inappropriate language such as swearing is not acceptable.
13. While the concept of rivalry is wholly embraced, it cannot take precedence over exemplary professional conduct.
14. The attitude and conduct of the coach towards officials, players, spectators and coaches must be controlled and undemonstrative.
15. It is unacceptable for a coach to have any verbal altercation with an official, opposing coach or bench before, during or after the game.
16. Coaches must use their influence on spectators who demonstrate intimidating and/or unacceptable behavior towards officials, player(s) and opposing team members.
17. Complete a self-evaluation at the end of the season.

By signing this document I certify that I understand that should I breach this code of ethics, NCSA, NYSWYSA, or STTSL may impose sanctioning consistent with their documented procedures.

Name of Coach (Print): _____

Signature of Coach: _____

Date: _____

Received by Concord FC: _____

Date: _____

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