



## CARMEL UNITED SOCCER CLUB

### Coaching Code of Conduct and Ethics

- Soccer is the players' game. The paramount concern of coaches is the holistic development, welfare, enjoyment and safety of their players. Coaches should keep the best interest and well-being of the children as their highest priority.
- Coaches are to treat players with respect and should avoid negativity. The coach should use language appropriate for children and be constructive in their comments.
- 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.
- Coaches shall treat officials with respect and dignity, and shall teach their players to do the same.
- Our opponents are worthy of being treated with respect. Coaches will model such respect for opponents and expect their players to do likewise. Running up the score is an act of poor sportsmanship. A winning goal differential in excess of 7 goals is in violation of East Hudson Youth Soccer League's By-Laws and will result in disciplinary action by the League.
- In both victory and defeat, the behavior of a coach shall model grace, dignity and composure.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- The coach is responsible for the actions of their team's parents and spectators, and can be carded during a game for their misbehavior. Spectators should be encouraged to applaud and cheer for good plays by either team. Remind them that only coaches and trainers can provide instruction to players and that they should not criticize the referee's decisions.