



CARMEL UNITED SOCCER CLUB

Coaching Code of Conduct

This Code applies to all carded coaches, assistant coaches and approved trainers.

- Keep the **best interest and well being of the children** as the highest priority.
- Treat players with respect; avoid negative comments. The coach will use language appropriate for young children.
- In both victory and defeat, the behavior of the coach shall model good sportsmanship.
- Dissent towards game officials and unsportsmanlike behavior will not be tolerated.
- Stress **fair play and good sportsmanship** whether winning or losing. During the game, you are responsible for the **sportsmanship** of your **players**.
- During the game, the coach is also responsible for the **conduct of the parents** of players. It is imperative to explain acceptable player and parent behavior in a preseason meeting. Encourage them to applaud and cheer for good plays by either team. Remind parents that only carded coaches, assistant coaches and Club approved trainers can provide instruction to players during games.
- **Don't run up the score.** Getting defeated by a large margin can really demoralize young soccer players, so please use your best judgment when teams are mismatched. A winning goal differential in excess of 7 goals is in violation of East Hudson youth Soccer League By-Laws and will result in disciplinary action by the League.
- 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 the game.
- Utilize the Carmel United Team Administration Guidelines.

References:

National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) Code of Ethics, CUSC Team Administration Guidelines, By-Laws and Rules and Regulations: East Hudson Youth Soccer League By-Laws.



Procedures for Violations of the Coaching Code of Conduct

Reports of violations of the coaching code of conduct must be made to the Carmel United Soccer Club (CUSC) Board of Directors. The procedure for addressing reports of violations of the code will be as follows:

1. The CUSC Board of Directors, at its discretion, may recommend that a coach be suspended from participation in club/league activities while the board investigates and contemplates any action. The CUSC Board of Directors may, at its discretion, delegate and/or form a subcommittee, to investigate and make recommendations regarding disciplinary matters.
2. The CUSC Board of Directors and/or the Disciplinary Committee will verify details of the complaint, including interviewing the person or persons who have made the complaint, as well as any witnesses who may have observed the incident.
3. The CUSC Board of Directors and/or the Disciplinary Committee will notify the coach involved, asking for his/her version of the incident. The coach will have 7 days to respond to the complaint. The coach may be asked to attend a meeting with the Board of Directors to discuss the complaint.
4. The CUSC Board of Directors will meet to determine if and what type of disciplinary action should be taken. If the disciplinary action is approved by the Board, the coach will be notified verbally and in writing of the CUSC Board's decision. Based on the nature and severity of the offense, and depending on whether this represents a repeat offense, disciplinary actions may include one or all of the following:
 - a. **Official warning / clarification of expected conduct**
 - b. **Partial season suspension (2 games and all team training activities)**
 - c. **Suspension for the remainder of the fall and/or Spring Season**
 - d. **One year suspension**
 - e. **Permanent ban from coaching in Carmel United Soccer**
5. If the allegation is determined to be correct, and depending on the severity and nature of the incident the CUSC Board of Directors reserves the right to immediately suspend and/or terminate coaching privileges.



Please sign and complete the agreement below indicating that you have received, read and agree to the CUSC Coaching Code of Conduct.

I, _____, have received and read the CUSC Coaching Code of Conduct and agree to abide by it.

Please Print:

Name: _____

Date: _____

Team: _____

Role: _____

(Coach, Assistant Coach, Trainer etc)_____