



Tumwater Soccer Club Coaches' Code of Conduct

As a program of Thurston County Youth Soccer (TCYSA), Washington Youth Soccer (WYS) and US Youth Soccer, Tumwater Soccer Club (TSC) expects all their coaches follow basic guidelines for creating a positive and constructive team culture that provides all players equal and ample opportunity to grow and experience competing with TSC in a fulfilling manner. TSC expects its coaches to display a professional manner in how he or she handles themselves with regards to players, parents, officials, opponents and fellow soccer community members. Furthermore, TSC expects its coaches to exercise sound judgement, practice common courtesy, and have a "Golden Rule" mentality when placed into a potentially confrontational situation.

TSC expects the following etiquette with regards to the role of a youth soccer coach:

- Never engage in a negative, condescending, antagonistic, hostile or abusive manner with person while representing TSC; including but not limited to any official, coach, player, parent and/or spectator (from your team or the opponent) before, during, after a match or practice.
- Be aware that what may be said and/or how it is said to players, parents, officials, opposing coaches and any other community members may be damaging.
- Foul and/or abusive language directed toward anyone in any capacity WILL NOT be tolerated.
- Be prompt, organized and prepared for practices and games
- Be up to date on all appropriate age group rule changes as well requirements for registration and risk management
- Be a clear communicator to parents when it comes to expectations for sideline behavior, team rules, schedules, playing time policy, team philosophies, etc.

- Have parent meetings before and during the season to reinforce expectations and touch base to address any concerns.
- Obey the social media policy of TSC, TCYSA and WYS. Exercise good judgment when posting comments on social media with regards to personal opinions regarding players, parents, officials or the opposition.
- Be a positive role model when it comes to dealing with adversity
- Be a positive influence on players when it comes to sportsmanship and decision making
- Be proactive in striving to become a “student of the game” to learn new ways and techniques to help the players’ growth, development and enjoyment of the game
- Be aware of the rules that apply to your age group and instruct your players and families accordingly
- Be proactive in striving to create a “culture of community” within your team by encouraging the acceptance of all players regardless of background and ability.

TSC expects the following etiquette from their coaches with regards to their teams:

- Create a positive learning environment and team culture that prioritizes teamwork, participation, growth, enjoyment and development over winning.
- Create a healthy and respectful environment with regards to how players (and sidelines) treat the opponent.
- Create a healthy and respectful environment with regards to how players (and sidelines) view and treat the authority of the official with respect.
- Create a culture of self-awareness and empathy toward others that all players are people that will make mistakes
- Demonstrate patience and encourage growth and learning from a players’ mistakes
- Never punish or shame a player for poor play
- Strive to work with the parent and communicate clearly to resolve any behavior issues with a player
- Reinforce the social media policy of TSC, TCYSA and WYS and encourage parents to exercise good judgment for posting comments on social media with regards to personal opinions regarding players, parents, referees or the opposition.

TSC expects the following etiquette from their coaches with regards to the opponent and the officials:

- Never engage in a negative, condescending, antagonistic, hostile or abusive manner with any official, opposing coach, player, parent and/or spectators (from your team or the opponent) before, during, after a match or at practices.
- Know and adhere to the laws of the game
- Respect the authority of the official
- Encourage your team to display the correct mentality of “sportsmanship” with regards to the referee’s decisions or the official’s lack of applying the correct knowledge.
- Be aware and adhere to the rules of TCYSA’s “Zero-Tolerance” policy for sideline behavior
- Use sound judgement and apply a “Golden Rule” mentality when choosing to “discuss” soccer situations with opposing coaches or referees
- Recognize, acknowledge and applaud good play and sportsmanship from any player!

TSC expects that all coaches realize and accept that coaching in our community is a privilege and that no coach will ever use their authority in an abusive or inappropriate manner. Any action to the contrary or not in the “spirit” of true sportsmanship to help grow or support the game in a positive manner will result in the loss of privilege (as well as the potential for further repercussions and/or suspension) from coaching in TSC, TCYSA and/or WYS.