



# Folsom Soccer Club

## Coaches' Code of Conduct

- Competitive Program -

FSC soccer programs focus on the best interest of the youthful participants in an atmosphere of wholesome community participation with an emphasis dedicated to helping children enrich their lives and on becoming good and decent citizens in the community. FSC strive to inspire youthful participants with the fundamental principles of teamwork and fair play, while having a focus on fun.

### **As a coach for FSC, I agree to the following:**

1. I am representing FSC, my community and my team and agree to act accordingly at all times.
2. I will learn and know the laws of the game and the policies of FSC and shall support and uphold them always.
3. I understand that coaching is a position of trust. Therefore, I will be a positive role model for my players and will maintain my personal integrity and dignity at all times.
4. I will demand a sports environment that is free from drugs, alcohol and tobacco and will refrain from their use at all games, exhibitions, practices and events. I will never coach a game or conduct a practice under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
5. I will never swear, use profanity or make obscene gestures, or engage in any inappropriate behavior or conduct, at any time.
6. I will maintain control of my emotions and avoid actions, language and/or gestures that may be interpreted as hostile or humiliating.
7. I will always remember that my players are involved in FSC for fun and enjoyment, and I will do everything possible to keep the game fun and enjoyable. I am a youth coach and understand that the game is for the children, not the adults.
8. I will always have a positive attitude and will always praise my players for trying hard, playing fair and doing their best, regardless of the outcome of the game.
9. I will not tolerate any physical or verbal abuse in youth sports. I will communicate in an appropriate and constructive manner at all times.
10. I understand that winning is a consideration, but not the only one, nor the most important one. I will place the well-being of every player above my personal desire to win. I will be humble in victory and gracious in defeat.
11. I understand that being a coach means being, first and foremost, a teacher. I will teach my players basic skills, techniques and strategies, and will give all my players the opportunity to improve their skills, gain confidence and develop self-esteem at practice and in games.
12. I will always display good sportsmanship and fair play by personally demonstrating commitment to these virtues and will encourage the same from my players, colleagues, opponents, parents and spectators.
13. I will take appropriate steps to minimize scoring in runaway games.
14. I will respect the coaches and players of the opposing team before, during and after the match.
15. I will treat my players in a fair and equal manner. I will stress that teamwork and being a team player are more important than individual goals.

16. I will know and understand FSC playing time guidelines and will give every player an opportunity to play as much as possible. I will never, knowingly or intentionally violate any provision of the FSC playing time guidelines.
17. I will maintain an open line of communication with my players and parents. This includes notifying parents and players of practice or match time changes in a timely manner.
18. I will inspect all equipment and fields on a regular basis to ensure the safety of my players.
19. I will be well prepared and punctual for all training sessions and matches.
20. I will respect the referees and game officials and their authority during every game. I will never dispute, challenge or excessively argue any decisions made by them, or confront any referee or league official at the field before, during or after the game. Whenever necessary, I will take the time to calmly and rationally discuss any situation or call made during a game with a referee or league official.
21. I will strive to provide age appropriate education and will utilize the FSC curriculum to ensure my training and game priorities are in line with FSC's vision for player development. Additionally, I will accept the input from coaching directors as it pertains to player and coach development and team management.
22. I agree to use the member contact information which I have access to only for the sole purpose of FSC team related communication. If I have another use for it I agree to get prior approval from an FSC official before making such use. I agree that this information is not to be shared with anyone else for any reason.
23. I agree to use social media responsibly and I understand that the implications of social media use have the potential to affect not only me personally but also FSC as a club. As an FSC coach this specifically means: a) I will not engage in social networking of any kind with players and b) I will not post anything which may be deemed offensive, inappropriate, or could otherwise compromise the integrity of the club.
24. I acknowledge that this Code of Conduct has been adopted by FSC and agree that if I fail to abide by the aforementioned rules and guidelines, I will be subject to disciplinary action by FSC's Board of Directors that could include, but is not limited to:
  - a. Warning
  - b. Probation
  - c. Game suspension
  - d. Season suspension
  - e. Removal from program

In the event a situation rises which calls for interpretation, FSC will take into account the best interest of each athlete, the entire team, the Club, and the integrity of the soccer game. FSC Board of Directors decisions will be final.

By signing this document, I acknowledge that I have read this Coaches' Code of Conduct.

Coach Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Coach Name (Printed): \_\_\_\_\_