

Colchester Youth Soccer Club

Colchester, Vermont

Coaches' Code of Conduct

- I will treat referees, opponents, spectators, and my players with respect and dignity by being generous with praise and never ridiculing or yelling at them.
- I will model and insist upon good sportsmanship. I will insist on disciplined and fair play. I will remove an offending player for foul play, fighting or foul language.
- I will follow and respect the Laws of the Game and will teach those laws to my players.
- I will do my best to learn the fundamental skills, teaching and evaluation techniques, and strategies of soccer.
- I will do my best to organize practices that are fun and challenging for all my players. I will avoid the “3 L’s” (Lines, Laps and Lectures). I will not overburden youngsters with too much information.
- I will learn the strengths and weaknesses of my players so that I might place them into situations where they have the maximum opportunity to achieve success.
- I will ensure that all players have equal playing time. All players need this playing time in order to improve their skills.
- I will encourage young players to avoid over-specialization in positional play during their formative years.
- I will demand a drug-, alcohol-, and tobacco-free sports environment for my team, and I will refrain from their use at all youth sports events. I will stress good health habits with my players.
- I will remember that CYSC players are here to learn skills and have fun. This takes priority over winning. I will teach my team that honest effort is as important as winning, so that the result of each game is accepted without disappointment. I will teach my players to win with humility and lose with dignity.
- I will do my best to provide a safe play situation for my players. I will check with parents following a player’s injury to determine his/her recovery and playing status.
- I will expect my players to respect the playing facility by cleaning up their area after the game.
- I will respect diversity and oppose all types of discrimination at all levels of soccer.
- I will cooperate with the Grade Coordinator or other CYSC Board members, and will report any concerns or irregularities that violate sound competitive practices.

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Adapted from St. Mochtas FC, Ireland; Soccer Maine; Cape Cod United SC; Newport News United SC; Capital Area SL; USA Hockey Youth Council, and the National Youth Sports Coaches Association