



## Coaches' Code of Conduct

- As a coach in the PSC soccer program, I realize that I am responsible for the emotional, physical, and skill growth of each player through his/her participation in soccer.
  
- With regard to players on my team:
  - I will endeavor to learn more about the game of soccer.
  - I will learn the laws of the game and the specific laws for my team's age group.
  - I will strive to be a good instructor and a positive role model for my players.
  - I will teach my players to understand and play within the letter and spirit of the laws of the game.
  - I will always put winning in its proper perspective; we win when we do our best no matter what the score is.
  - I will not reprimand or punish any players who miss any games or practices.
  
- With regard to opposing teams:
  - I will endeavor to make my team a positive role model.
  - I will not coach, nor allow my players to play, with intent to cause injury to opposing players.
  - Players, spectators and I will not display hostile behavior toward players on, and supporters of, the opposing team.
  - I will applaud good play by players on my team and the opposing team.
  - I will emphasize winning without boasting and losing without bitterness.
  
- With regard to referees:
  - I recognize that the referee is responsible for the application of the laws of the game and the exercise of judgment.
  - I believe that referees, just as coaches and players, do their best to be impartial.
  - I will instill in my players and spectators a respect for all referees.
  - My players, spectators and I will never address a referee before, during or after a game in a demeaning fashion.
  
- With regards to my parents and spectators:
  - I will instruct my parents in the appropriate manner in which to demonstrate good sportsmanship.
  - I will ask that they not instruct players unless asked to be a part of the coaching staff.
  - I will involve parents whenever I can.



- I will instill respectful behavior from my parents by being what I want them to be.
- With Regards to Foul Language:
  - I will instruct my parents that Prairie Soccer Club has a zero tolerance policy for the use of foul language on the field or around any players, coaches, parents, or opposing teams and their players, coaches, or parents. Foul language is interpreted as being verbal or non-verbal gestures which could be interpreted as bad language, strong language, coarse language, foul language, bad words, vulgar language, lewd language, swearing, cursing, cussing, or using expletives.
  - I will inform my parents that all reported cases will be investigated fully and if a coach, player, or parent is found to be guilty they will be removed from the roster (in the case of players or coaches) or no longer allowed to sit on the sidelines at games.
  - I will inform my parents that no refunds will be provided to parties found guilty of violating said policy.
- With regard to Abusive Language:
  - I will instruct my parents that Prairie Soccer Club has a zero tolerance policy for the use of abusive language on the field or around any players, coaches, parents, or opposing teams and their players, coaches, or parents. Abusive language is any communication, both verbal and non-verbal which has the intent of demeaning, humiliating, or in any way attacking a person's ability, gender, age, race, culture, or any other identifying characteristic.
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- Bullying or Intimidation:
  - I will inform my parents that Prairie Soccer Club has a zero tolerance policy for bullying, or perceived bullying in the form of physical or verbal harassment which usually involves an imbalance of power. Bullying behavior can include teasing, insulting someone (particularly about their weight or height, race, sexuality, religion or other personal traits), shoving, hitting, excluding someone, or gossiping about someone.
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· With Regard to Social Media:

- I am aware that any comments posted on Social Media regarding players, coaches, parents, or any member of Prairie Soccer Club may be seen by a broad audience, including persons identified in the post. Negative comments will be address in the same fashion as bullying or intimidation.
- I am aware that I may not post photos of soccer participants that are not my own immediate family without expressed consent.

*I understand that any violation of the codes above may result in disciplinary action against violating player, coach, or spectator, to include warning or ejection cards*

· With Regard to Equipment

- I am aware that I am financially responsible for the equipment issued to me at the beginning of the season.
  - If I am unable to return the equipment at the designated due dates, or have a team representative return on my behalf, I will be billed a late fee of \$5.00 per day for each day late. If the equipment is not returned within two weeks of the posted return dates, I will be sent an invoice for \$200 for U8 – U10 or \$250 for U11 on up. If the invoice is not paid within the timeframe as designated on the invoice, the invoice will be turned over to collections. ▪ I understand I will be billed, or my coaching refund reduced, for the pro rated value of any missing equipment items at the end of the season, barring normal wear and tear.

· With Regard to Children of Coaches Playing for Free

- I understand the NEW Coaching Credit Policy for coaches who have kids playing for Prairie Soccer Club that ALL pay for the season in advance.
  - At the end of the season, a player registration refund check is issued ONLY if equipment is turned in at the end of each season – full rate for head coach and half off for assistant coach.
    - If a coach receives a red card at any time during the season, the refund will be cancelled.
  - For coaches providing their own equipment, a refund for player registration will be issued at the end of the season.
    - If a coach receives a red card at any time during the season, the refund will be cancelled.

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