

DSA Code of Ethics for Coaches

3.22.1. DSA CODE OF ETHICS FOR COACHES

Coaches must, pass a Background check, complete the SafeSport Certification, prior to being put on a NTSSA/DSA Roster.

3.22.1.1. The coach must never place the value of winning over the safety and welfare of players. Winning should be the result of preparation and discipline with emphasis placed on the highest ideals and character traits.

3.22.1.2. Coaches shall instruct players to play within the written laws of the game, and within the spirit of the game, at all times.

3.22.1.3. Coaches shall not seek unfair advantage by teaching deliberate unsportsmanlike behavior to players.

3.22.1.4. Coaches should not tolerate inappropriate behavior from players regardless of the situation.

3.22.1.5. Demands on players' time should never be so extensive as to interfere with academic goals and progress. Motivation for excellence should include academics as well as athletics.

3.22.1.6. Coaches must never encourage players to violate NTSSA recruitment, eligibility, or guest player rules and policies.

3.22.1.7. Under no circumstances should coaches authorize or encourage the use of medical or performance enhancing drugs or supplements of any kind. Medication and supplementation of any kind should be the responsibility of the parents and or legal guardian. Players should be directed to seek proper medical attention for injuries and to follow the physician's instructions regarding treatment and recovery. At no time should a player be put at risk by returning from injury prematurely or by being forced to play while injured.

3.22.1.8. Show respect, and courtesy to the referee. He/she is the final

authority. 3.22.1.9. Coach yourself before you coach others.

- 3.22.1.10. Do your coaching at practice; not at the game. The game belongs to the players!
- 3.22.1.11. Teach sportsmanship and fair play.
- 3.22.1.12. Control your parents and spectators. They are your responsibility and you now can be YC or RC for your or their behavior. (A Referee may take action against team officials who fail to act in a responsible manner including controlling spectator behavior, and may expel them from the field of play and its immediate surrounds)
- 3.22.1.13. Show respect and courtesy to other coaches and team players not only at game times, but throughout the year.
- 3.22.1.14. Teach soccer. Only professionals have to win.
- 3.22.1.15. Allow players on both teams to retain their dignity.
- 3.22.1.16. Teach your players that honest effort is as important as victory so that the result of each game is accepted without undue disappointment.
- 3.22.1.17. Allow players to learn through participation.
- 3.22.1.18. Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from youth sports and the associated activities.
- 3.22.1.19. Help provide fun-filled childhood memories for an entire generation of Soccer players.
- 3.22.1.20. It is DSA's goal for all participants to have fun and learn the game of soccer. To promote this end, we ask that each coach understand that Recreational Games should end with no more than a six (6) goal differential.
- 3.22.1.21. No Slide Tackling in U4 through U12
Violations of this policy may result in referral to A&D committee.