

NEW LONDON SOCCER CLUB
COACHES CODE OF CONDUCT

The Mission of the New London Soccer Club (NLSC) is to provide recreational, instructional and competitive soccer opportunities for all New London youth. We strive to foster good sportsmanship, skill development, community commitment and a love of the game. The Club needs the cooperation and commitment of everyone involved with the Club in support of our mission.

The coach's role is one of teaching soccer skills and sportsmanship to the players. All coaches within the NLSC program will promote good sportsmanship among players, foster team spirit, and help participants have fun while teaching the techniques and tactics of constructive soccer.

Each Coach will ensure that his/her conduct sets a good example for team members and spectators. To meet these responsibilities, I agree to the following:

1. I will know the official Laws of the Game of soccer and abide by them. I will instruct players and parents in the rules and motivate each player to compete according to the rules at all times.
2. I will remember that the purpose of game is for children to participate and have fun. I will, whenever possible, grant my players 50% playing time (practice attendance, effort and attitude notwithstanding).
3. I will abide by the rules of the New London Soccer Club and the policies of the CJSA.
4. I will ensure that my assistant coach(es) conduct themselves in accordance with this Code, the policies of the league at all games, practices and other team events.
5. I will demonstrate respect for the game officials at all times and refrain from questioning their decisions or challenging their authority (private conversations with the official pre-game, at halftime, or post-game are appropriate).
6. I will be a positive role model for my team and encourage sportsmanship by demonstrating respect, courtesy, and positive support for all players, coaches, officials and spectators at every game, practice or other event.
7. I will maintain control of my emotions and avoid actions, language, and/or gestures that may be interpreted as hostile and/or humiliating.
8. I will require that my team treat all players, coaches, officials and spectators with respect.
9. I will teach each player, especially through personal example, to be humble and generous in victory and courteous in defeat.
10. I will praise my team for doing their best and will emphasize skill development and practices over winning games.
11. I will encourage fans of my team to exhibit sportsmanship and maturity at all times and will assist game officials in maintaining control of spectators during games.
12. I will take appropriate steps to minimize scoring in runaway games in accordance with CJSA requirements.

13. I will demand a sports environment that is free from drugs and alcohol and I will refrain from their use at all NLSC events.
14. I will not use social media (Facebook, Twitter, Snapchat, Instagram) to disparage any (NLSC or other) player, parent, coach, referee, team or club.
15. I will support the NLSC in its fundraising endeavors and encourage my players and parents to do so as well.
16. I understand that I have an on-going responsibility while serving as a coach, assistant coach or volunteer to disclose to NLSC any conviction of a crime of violence or a crime against a person, or a felony involving the welfare of a child.

I agree to the above code of conduct, certify that I have read all New London Soccer Club Rules and will abide by them, and acknowledge that coaching in our program, although voluntary, is a privilege and not a right.

I agree that if I fail to abide by the aforementioned rules and guidelines, disciplinary action could include, but is not limited to, the following:

- Verbal warning by NLSC Board Official
- Written warning
- Game suspension with written documentation of incident kept on file by organizations involved
- Game forfeit
- Season suspension
- Removal of coach from all club activities for up to an entire season.

Coach Signature _____ Date _____

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