



CODE OF CONDUCT: REVISED 2023 EDITION

HEAD COACH & ASSISTANT COACH CODE OF CONDUCT:

- Abide by [Policy 9](#) of Tennessee State Soccer Association (TSSA)
- Coach volunteers are required to complete Safe Sport Training (federal), Concussion Training (State), Background Check (State and Local) and CPR Training (Local).
- For everyone's safety, remain at **least 1 yard** from the sideline (touch line) during game play.
- During game play, all coaches remain on their respective halves of the field between midfield and penalty area.
- **Only 1 Head Coach and 1 Assistant Coach** can be permitted on the sideline during game play.
- Prior to game start, take a moment to introduce yourself to the other coach(s) and the referee for the game.
- No foul language is permitted. Foul language will result in immediate removal from the fields.
- Respect the referee at all times, never confronting/engaging a referee during game play.
 - **Referees may visit the sidelines during quarter/half breaks to ask if you have any questions.**
 - **Referees are in charge during the game. You will always respect them and voice any complaints to HSC leadership after the match.**
- If a coach receives a red card, they must leave the field of play immediately and abide by the direction of the referee.
- Explain the principles of the game when coaching, as shouting & bellowing at players is not acceptable.
- Remove any player becoming overly aggressive or disrespectful, giving them time to calm down.
- If a player receives a yellow card, the coach will immediately remove said player from the game. The player may return to the game at the next substitution opportunity.
- Hold a preseason meeting to address acceptable player, parent and coach code of conduct behaviors.
- Be the positive example for your team, your opponent and all parents and spectators alike during the game.
- Slide tackling is NOT allowed
- Only use registered HSC players in your games. Permission must be granted to use HSC players outside your rostered team for games from your Division Director or HSC leadership.

Failure to comply with this code of conduct may possibly result in the removal of the offending spectator(s). Play will be suspended until the offending spectator(s) leave the area of game play. Failure to respond to an official's request to leave within ten minutes may result in the game being permanently stopped. All ejections will be reviewed by the HSC Disciplinary Committee Board of Directors.