

Ridley United Soccer Club Inc.

Coach's Code of Conduct

A Coach's Role:

A coach is enthusiastic, competitive, understanding, competent and in control. He continues to expand his knowledge and understanding of the spirit of the game. He must set goals and strive to attain them. He must prepare himself for practice and matches and display the same effort he expects from his players. He must set conditions and an environment that is organized, enjoyable and one that promotes learning. He must set standards of conduct for himself, the team, the players and the parents. He must be able and willing to enforce them. He must be able to return positive feedback to the players and listen to their opinions with an open mind.

A Coach's Responsibility:

A coach accepts the responsibility to coach, motivate and encourage their players. A coach must accept the fact it is his responsibility to learn more about techniques, tactics and fundamentals of the game. If ever he believes he doesn't need to learn more, it's time for him to leave youth soccer and step up into the pros. He accepts the facts that these are young boys and girls and will make many mistakes. A coach accepts that every game will not be won and winning should be goal-oriented not centered on goals scored. Winning games is not the best measure of successful coaching. A coach accepts that coaching from the sidelines continually will hinder, not improve the team. A coach is responsible for the team, the players and the parents' conduct.

Expectations from Coach:

- To keep practices, successful, fun and game-oriented
- To set standards of conduct, performance and goals for the team, players and parents
- To keep the players' welfare and well-being always first
- To be honest and open to the team, players and parents
- To teach fair play and good sportsmanship
- To be respectful of every referee, not to question his calls or authority
- To make an honest effort to play every player as much as possible
 - Players should get maximum playing time except if they do not attend practices or matches
- To remember the three great lies of sports and avoid them:
 1. No pain no gain
 2. There is but one winner
 3. There is no life after playing
- To remind players that anyone who has had the opportunity to play and does their own personal best is the winner

By signing this code I agree with Ridley United Soccers' philosophy of coaching and managing a team

Signed Coach _____ Date _____