

TIPP CITY YOUTH SOCCER

Code of Ethics for Coaches

The position of coach or leader of any youth group is an important and serious responsibility. All the children look up to the coach and should respect his position. His behavior is constantly under supervision by them, and they will strive to imitate his actions. The coach's opinion and behavior during the game will carry more weight than that of anyone else, even parents.

The following **Code of Ethics** specifies the standards of conduct expected of SAY coaches:

1. Know the Laws of the Game and teach them to your players. Read the Rulebook and attend a clinic to enhance your knowledge of the game.
2. Abide by the Laws of the Game and the Rules of SAY. Set the example that one is exempt from the Laws of the Game.
3. Treat the referee with respect, no matter what the call.
4. Exhibit exemplary conduct at both practices and games. Team behavior tends to reflect the coach's attitude.
5. Coach clean, honest, and skillful soccer with good sportsmanship. Stress playing hard to win over winning itself.
6. Help maintain a climate of enjoyment among spectators by discouraging negative remarks and harassment of players, referees, and other spectators.
7. Work at team morale as much as soccer skills and tactics...be a "Fun Leader".
8. Maximize praise and minimize criticism when dealing with your players. Make corrections calmly and slowly in a manner tailored to the individual.
9. Refrain from using profanity or vulgar language. Remember, you have an impact on the character of your players.
10. Coach talented and less-talented players with equal vigor. Allow all players opportunities to play more than half the game.
11. Minimize your instructing the players during the game. Screaming at players never accomplishes anything.
12. Strive to pre-plan your practice sessions so they are interesting, fast-paced, and inclusive. Minimize time spent standing around and drills with lines.
13. Listen to your players and welcome feedback from their parents. This avoids potential problems and fosters your growth as a coach and improvement in the players.