



Morris United Soccer Club

Coaches Code of Conduct

This Coaches Code of Conduct has been developed to clarify and define the standards of professional, ethical, and moral behavior from coaches and volunteers affiliated with the Morris United Soccer Club.

1. I will emphasize that the game is played for fun, and for the benefit of the youth, not adults.
2. I will never place the value of winning over the safety and welfare of the players.
3. I will not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and well-being of the athletes.
4. I understand the primary focus of Morris United Soccer Club is player development, and I will not engage in practices which detract from a player's growth as a soccer player.
5. I will be a positive role model for players and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for all players (on both teams), coaches, officials and spectators at every game, practice or other sporting event.
6. I will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player, or parent such as refusing to shake hands or using profane language or gestures.
7. I will report any instances of disciplinary action by a referee against myself to the appropriate officials of Morris United Soccer Club (i.e. being shown a Yellow or Red Card or being dismissed from a game).
8. I will ensure that I understand and carry out the duties of a volunteer coach as set forth by the Morris United Soccer Club.
9. I will endeavor to learn and understand the governing rules of MCYSA, NJ Youth Soccer and any modifications to the Laws of the Game as set by the league with-in which I am coaching.
10. I will ensure all players who play on a team are appropriately registered and age appropriate for the game and division for which they are playing and will not engage in practices of deception to circumvent rules set forth by youth soccer governing bodies.
11. I will teach players to play within the spirit and intentions of the rules and the Laws of the Game and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
12. I will respect the officials and their authority during games and will never confront officials or opposing coaches.
13. I will communicate with players parents about any physical injury incurred during games or practices, and will ensure such injuries are reported to the appropriate game officials and Morris United Soccer Club.
14. I will ensure no player is allowed to return to play who is suspected of receiving a concussion until cleared to play by a medical professional.
15. I will demand a sports environment free from drugs, tobacco, and alcohol and I will refrain from their use at all youth sporting events.
16. **I understand that if I fail to abide by the aforementioned Coaches Code of Conduct, I will be subject to disciplinary action that could include, but is not limited to, the following:**
 - **Verbal warning by a game official, league official, and/or head of Morris United Soccer Club**
 - **Game forfeiture through an official or league**
 - **Fines imposed by the league which are the sole responsibility of the coach for paying**
 - **Removal as a coach from the Morris United Soccer Club**