



Rattlers Academy Soccer Club

Coaches Code of Conduct



This year as a COACH I agree to...

1. Be reasonable when scheduling games and practices remembering that young athletes have other interests and obligations.
2. Teach my athletes to Honor the Game. I will teach and reinforce fair play, respect for the letter and spirit of the rules, respect for the officials and our opponents.
3. Ensure that all athletes are treated fairly when providing instruction, lending support and allocating playing time...**regardless of their ability!**
4. Not ridicule or yell at my athletes for making mistakes or for performing poorly. I will remember that children play to have fun and must be encouraged to have confidence in themselves. I will praise publicly and, when necessary, correct privately (i.e. away from the team and with a parent if felt necessary).
5. Ensure that equipment and facilities are safe. This includes ensuring that all athletes are wearing shin guards and have removed all jewelry.
6. Ensure a physician or physiotherapist's note is given to me before allowing a player to participate in practices/games after an extended injury (i.e. any injury lasting longer than 1 week).
7. Return to play following a concussion **MUST** be accompanied by a physician's note – NO EXCEPTIONS.
8. Obtain proper training and continue to upgrade my coaching education/skills on a regular basis.
9. Remain open to feedback from players, parents, the association and/or Club Technical Staff.
10. Resolve team/player conflict by...
 - a) Talking directly to the player(s) in question **away** from the rest of the team,
 - b) Talking directly with the player(s) and their parents in question **away** from the rest of the team if the initial behaviour has not changed, and/or
 - c) Setting up a Parent/Coach/Player Meeting with Club Technical Staff if steps "a" and "b" do not resolve the issue in question.
 - d) Should steps "b" or "c" be required, I will keep a detailed record of the issue, discussion and resolution through email that includes copying Club Technical Staff in the email discussion.
11. Actively work with the Club Technical Staff to ensure parents provide **mid-season** and **end of session** feedback regarding the RASC Program as requested.
12. Speak in a manner that positively promotes and supports the RASC program, the MHSA, the Board, MHSA Staff, AND members of the RASC Coaching Staff regardless of team.
13. Follow the **24 Hour Rule** when expressing concerns to any member of the coaching staff, parents on our team, MHSA, Board and MHSA staff. Furthermore, that I will attempt to get both sides of the story before coming to any conclusions associated with the coaching of this team.
14. Avoid making negative comments about any of the teammates or parents of teammates in front of players. I understand that this will help to avoid planting seeds in the player's head that may negatively influence their ability to be a good teammate.

I understand that by signing this document I agree to all the items above. Should I fail to abide by these terms, I understand that I may be subject to discipline under the MHSA Bylaws.

Print Name

Signature

Date