

New Hampshire Soccer League Coaches Code of Conduct:



Next to parents - coaches are known to have the greatest impact and influence on a child. Therefore, we have a great responsibility and a tremendous opportunity to positively affect our players. Make no mistake about it - we will have an impact and strong influence on our kids not just as players but also as people.....so the question is will it be positive or negative. We can't afford to blow it.

New Hampshire Soccer League believes as coaches we need to take every opportunity to set and model the right behaviors and attitudes for our players. This way we can best influence them not only on the field of competition, but also outside the lines.

It is the mission of NHSL to create the best environment possible for our players so they can compete at their highest level of effort and creativity. Therefore the NHSL has released the following Coaches Code of Conduct that we will passionately enforce for one reason and one reason only.....because "It's all about the kids".

As a coach in the New Hampshire Soccer League I agree to model and adhere to the following expectations:

1. I will not talk or scream at the officials for any reason even when I don't agree with a call.
2. I will demonstrate to my players a respectful attitude towards the officials.
3. I will not permit my players to be disrespectful to the officials.
4. I acknowledge the game is about the kids and not myself. I will not blow it by over coaching, screaming or yelling.
5. I know the game is not a training session. Therefore, I will only share a few big picture items to my team during play.
6. I will be committed to sharing individual coaching advice when the kids are on the bench.
7. While we always compete to win I will remember the big picture - that this all about player development.
8. I will demonstrate a calm demeanor and not be a screamer to my kids.
9. I will let the kids play and not micro manage, or "joystick" during play (the game is the best teacher of all).
10. I will be an encourager and not demean or insult my players with my words or tone.
11. I will see the big picture which is not the scoreboard - but the kids and their development in the game.
12. In summary, I will respect the game by respecting the officials, my opponents and my players!

We realize that these concepts are not for everyone, and that is absolutely fine. We are not the be all and end all of leagues. There are many great options out there. However, we are an organization that is passionately committed and confident in the vision of generating a positive, competitive culture. With that said, we will be comfortable in addressing a coach, player and/or parent if they are in conflict with our league expectations. Not because we like conflict - but if we are truly going to make the kids our top priority - then in our desire to protect them, these difficult conversations are actually quite easy to have.

As a coach in the New Hampshire Soccer League I agree to abide by the above expectations at stated in the NHSL Coaches Code of Conduct...

Print Name: _____

Team Name: _____

Date: _____

Signature: _____