



COACHES CREED

I WILL:

- * Develop my players to the best of their abilities.
- * Conduct myself as a responsible adult when dealing with the Players; both legally and ethically.
- * Plan and supervise practice sessions that are instructive as well as fun.
- * To motivate and teach with positive reinforcement.
- * Notify the Board of incidents which may compromise the integrity of the Team or Club
- * Abide by the rules, policies, and procedures of the Team and Club
- * Display a positive attitude towards all players, parents, and officials
- * To treat players and parents with respect and conduct myself in a professional manner
- * Refrain from making negative comments to any players, coaches, referees or parents
- * Develop positive "life" qualities (i.e. discipline, teamwork, etc.) in Players
- * Respect the game officials and their decisions
- * Take total responsibility for the actions of players on the field;
- * Provide genuine cooperation to coaches within my team's age group;
- * Not discriminate against anyone;
- * Refrain from using profane or vulgar language;
- * Provide honest and truthful evaluations of the Player's skill.
- * Be responsible for cleaning up the field or bench area (both home and away) after practices or games, and for returning all equipment to its proper place. All coaches are asked to help in monitoring the activities that take place at the practice fields, and to assist in keeping fields clean, safe and secure.
- *I WILL NOT FORGET THAT I REPRESENT THE CECIL SOCCER LEAGUE!!!!

Coaches Signature _____

CECIL SOCCER POLICY FOR COACHES CONDUCT

Coaches are expected to conduct themselves properly at both games and practices. Coaches are a role model for many children and should not be seen smoking or heard using foul language. Keep in mind that your players as well as their parents are watching and forming their opinions of the League and the game of soccer based on your actions. **Abusive language and behavior will not be tolerated. Coaches and players are expected to act with respect and courtesy toward referees regardless of the situation. Referees are in charge on the field and their word is final. Remember players will take cues from their coaches and if you act abusive toward a Referee you can expect your players to do the same. Coaches will disagree with a referee call from time but under no circumstance should a coach argue with a ref's call. If a coach disagrees with a Referee he/she can politely ask for an explanation during a restart. The Referee does not have to provide an explanation if he/she feels that it will pull his attention away from officiating the game. The situation can then be addressed at half time or after the game. If the Referee feels that a situation is getting out of hand they have been instructed to take the following actions;**

1. Call coaches to the center of the field and give a warning and/or a 5 minute "cooling off" period.
2. Present a yellow bench card to the offending team(s).
3. Present a red bench card to the offending team(s).

Follow-up action will then be taken by the League. **Any coach (or assistant coach) ejected from a game will be suspended for a minimum of one game and will be subjected to a longer suspension if the league deems it necessary.** Coaches are also responsible for the behavior of the spectators on their sideline . If necessary, please remind your parents that:

1. Children need example, not criticism.
2. Their child's experience should be positive and without pressure.
3. We all should applaud good plays by both teams.
4. Coaches will coach from their side of the field only, and coach between the 18 yard lines and not beyond.
5. No coaching or cheering from the end lines.
6. Coaching (by parents or coaches) from both sides of the field is prohibited.