

## Sheboygan County United Coaches Code of Conduct

### As coach I will:

- **Promote Respect and Sportsmanship:**
  - Teach players and their families that winning is NEVER more important than good sportsmanship.
  - Demonstrate good sportsmanship at all times.
  - Understand and teach respect for team mates, opponents, referees, spectators and the spirit of the game.
  - Accept the results of the game, and encourage players and their families to be gracious in victory, and to turn defeat into victory by working towards improvement.
  - Be respectful and kind to the officials. Demonstrate dignity and self control.
  - Work to develop a high standard of character in myself and my players as we work to develop a higher standard of play. Maintain the highest level of integrity, as I am a role model for all people.
  
- **Play by the “Rules”:**
  - Learn the laws of the game; teach respect for the laws and how the laws apply to the game.
  - Administer the team and hold players and assistant coaches to the standards of our club policies, procedures, and guidelines as well as all other pertinent laws, rules, and guides our teams are subject. These are collectively referred to as the “rules.” This includes “the letter and the spirit” of any associated rule.
  - Abide by the rules established by the Sheboygan County United Soccer Club and do my best to encourage players and their families to do the same. These include but are not limited to:
    - Tryout Procedures and Guidelines; Team Formation and Registration Guidelines; Players Code of Conduct; Mutual Commitment; Uniform Policy; Team Formation Policy; and Player Transfer Policy.
  
- **Promote Safe Play:**
  - Strive to create a safe, healthy, and positive environment for all players and their opponents at all times.
  - Teach players safe techniques and methods of play.
  - Make sure equipment and playing surfaces are in accordance with the laws of the game. Supervise and control the players to help avoid injury. This includes preventing *horseplay* before and after games and practices.
  - Under no circumstances authorize or encourage the use of medical or performance enhancing drugs. Players should be directed to seek proper medical attention for injuries and to follow the physician's instructions regarding treatment and recovery. At no time should a player be put in at risk by returning from injury to prematurely or by being forced to play while injured.
  
- **Focus on Development:**
  - Recognize that each player develops at a different pace. Strive to help each player improve and reward effort as well as talent.
  - Conduct practices in the spirit of enjoyment and learning.
  
- **and Above all:**
  - Remember this is a game for the players; It is for their enjoyment and not for my personal gratification.

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### Violations of the Code of Conduct:

Violations of the Code of Conduct should be reported to a board member. The board member will conduct a review of the situation and present findings to the Board of Directors, who will make the final determination of what action, if any, may be appropriate. If action is deemed necessary by the Board, the available options range from a caution, to personal apology, probation, suspension or as a final step, expulsion from the Club. As a member coach, you are responsible for your own actions and will be held accountable for them.

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I have read and understood the above. I agree to abide by this Code of Conduct and understand that my failure to comply may result in suspension or expulsion.

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*Signed*

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