



NORTH PORT YOUTH SOCCER

NORTH PORT FUSION FC

Coaches Code of Conduct

A coach is a role model for the team and should uphold the core values of North Port Youth Soccer Club (NPYS), the team and themselves always! Core Values are an integral part of our club, they set the standard for conduct and performance. Coaches are asked to learn and live the Core Values to help them become more effective as a coach and assist in carrying our vision for NPYS/Fusion FC.

Respect:

Common respect forms the foundation of soccer. We hold in high regard our sport, it's values and traditions and always conduct ourselves with honesty and integrity. We earn the respect of others in the way we behave and respect all others that we encounter; our teammates, our coaches, our opponents, supporters and the referees. We value the facilities we use and treat each with consideration.

Teamwork:

We welcome all new team members and include all. We have confidence in each other's capability and knowledge. We commit to working together to bring out the best in each other. We play selflessly: working for the team, not for ourselves alone.

Determination:

We know that dreams are to be attained. We actively pursue advanced goals and challenge ourselves to be better every day. We inspire our players to play without fear, to take risks and learn from honest mistakes.

Effort:

Effort is a value that can take us to unthinkable heights and lead us to objectives to accomplish our goals that may at other times appear distant or unattainable. Commitment, consistency, sacrifice, and determination all hold the same weight

Excellence:

We strive to be the best possible version of ourselves and achieve the highest possible levels in everything that we do through appropriate attitude and application.

Enjoyment:

Enjoyment is the reason we play soccer. We encourage coaches and players to be passionate, to enjoy training and love the game.

General Expectations

- 🕒 **Position of Trust:** At all times, as a NPYS coach, I will be a positive role model for my players. I will maintain personal integrity and dignity. I will develop mutual trust with every player and treat all with fairness.
- 🕒 **Role Model Beyond Soccer:** Soccer is a great opportunity to teach players positive values in life. Conduct yourself in a similar manner and have a positive attitude, never use profanity, spit, make obscene/ crude gestures or engage/encourage inappropriate behavior or conduct at any time.
- 🕒 **Create an Environment to Promote Player Development:** Strive to make sessions progressive, fun and enjoyable. Players should look forward to coming to training for a positive learning experience.
- 🕒 **Be a Teacher:** Being a coach is first and foremost a position to teach. I will strive to teach all players the *technical, tactical, physical* and *psychological* components of the soccer. In doing so, I will also have the players take responsibility for their own development and actions.
- 🕒 **Implement NPYS's Club Philosophies:** Coaches should follow the club's philosophies set forth by the director of their respective leagues.
Director of Recreational Coaching: Darrell Flick, reccoach@northportsoccer.com
Director of Competitive Coaching: Joey Sorbino, compdirector@northportsoccer.com
The club's primary goal is *player development*. That must include all players. Coaches need to ensure that practice sessions are focused, well-constructed, meaningful, progressive and appropriate for the level and age of the players.
- 🕒 **Create Consistency & Clarity:** Prior to the season, set the standards you require from the players for training sessions and games. Be clear and concise. Let them know training sessions are first and foremost for development. Be consistent handling issues. Do not ever embarrass or negatively criticize a player. Never demean or isolate a player for criticism in front of the other players. Always provide constructive feedback. Be consistent with all players at all sessions.
- 🕒 **Promote Sportsmanship:** Always uphold the highest level of sportsmanship and fair play.
- 🕒 **Implement an environment of Respect:** Always show respect to everyone we are in contact with- *Players, Parents, Referees and Officials.*

On Field Expectations

- 🕒 **Timeliness:** Coaches should always arrive a minimum of 15 minutes prior to the scheduled arrival of players for training sessions, events and games. This will ensure adequate time for organization and set up.
- 🕒 **Session Preparation:** For every session delivered the coach should ensure that a written session plan is designed following the NPYS Philosophy/curriculum. All plans must be completed within stipulated timelines.
- 🕒 **Dress Code:** Coaches must always wear current NPYS/Fusion FC coaching or other NPYS/Fusion FC approved uniforms at games, event and anytime conducting training sessions.
- 🕒 **Equipment:** Coaches must ensure they have the correct equipment to deliver the session. Equipment is obtained through our Director of Fields & Assets and must be signed out, kept organized and maintained. Balls should be inflated to proper specifications. Pennies must be washed weekly. Equipment is to be returned at the close of each season to: Director of Fields & Assets, Mark Deo
fieldassets@northportsoccer.com

- 🌐 **Safety:** Coaches should always provide a safe playing environment for every session. This includes checking playing field for potential hazards, ensuring goals are weighted down and that each player leaves the session with an approved parent or guardian. No player should ever be left on their own. Coaches should have a medical kit with them and key emergency contact info for all players.
- 🌐 **First Aid:** Coaches should ensure they have the required first aid supplies at hand and are current with SafeSport and CDC guidelines. Coaches must ensure players have appropriate gear to play or practice, including shin guards, proper cleats, etc.
- 🌐 **Adhere to Rules:** Coaches should fully aware of the rules and regulations of both the leagues and tournaments that the teams/groups play in.
- 🌐 **Referee's Call is Final:** A NPYS coach should never question the decision of a referee under any circumstances. Coaches may speak with the referee in a calm manner at half time or after the game. Any discussions that are in any way confrontational are not acceptable.
- 🌐 **Uphold Core Values:** Coaches should always embrace the values of positive coaching and ensure that fair play, sportsmanship and the laws of the game are always adhered to. When coaching a game- *sit where possible.*

Off Field Expectations

- 🌐 **Club Ambassador:** As a coach, your conduct reflects on the club. A NPYS coach should place the needs of the club above those of any specific team. At all times, you are representing the principles and philosophies of the club.
- 🌐 **Equitable Treatment:** Coaches need to avoid creating a scenario where any one member of the parent body receives additional player preferred access to the coach, including members of the NPYS management team.
- 🌐 **Wear Badge with Pride:** The coaching uniform should only be worn when coaching or representing the organization at a session, game or event.
- 🌐 **Professionalism:** Coaches should never consume any amount of alcohol on the same day that a coaching session is being performed. Coaches should not be seen wearing any NPYS uniform when consuming alcohol. Additionally, coaches should never coach with signs of previously being under the influence of alcohol. Similarly, NO SMOKING or consumption of recreational drugs.
- 🌐 **Continuing Education:** Coaches should be *"students of the game"*. A *commitment to professional development as an ongoing process is encouraged and welcomed.*
- 🌐 **Timely:** Coaches should always adhere to timelines that are set for administration tasks.
- 🌐 **Social Network:** A coach should not connect with players or parents through internet or other social networking sites/forums, unless specifically endorsed by the club. Furthermore, no reference or information that may jeopardize the integrity of NPYS should be made. Coaches should be mindful of the interactions over social media networks since this is directly attributed to the club as a club ambassador.
- 🌐 **Media Shy:** Coaches should never discuss any element of NPYS, the teams, players or their NPYS role with media unless authorized prior by the Board of Directors.

FYSA CODE OF ETHICS

Players:

- 🕒 I will encourage good sportsmanship from fellow players, coaches, officials and parents at all times
- 🕒 I will remember that soccer is an opportunity to learn and have fun
- 🕒 I deserve to play in an environment that is free of drugs, tobacco and alcohol; and expect everyone to refrain from their use at all soccer games.
- 🕒 I will do the best I can each day, remembering that all players have talents and weaknesses the same as I do
- 🕒 I will treat my coaches, other players and coaches, game officials, administrators and fans with respect at all times; regardless of race, sex, creed, or abilities and I will expect to be treated accordingly.
- 🕒 I will concentrate on playing soccer, always giving my best effort.
- 🕒 I will play by the rules at all times.
- 🕒 I will, at all times, control my temper, resisting the temptation of retaliation
- 🕒 I will always exercise self-control
- 🕒 My conduct during competition towards play of the game and all officials shall be in accordance with appropriate behavior and in accordance with FIFA's "*Laws of the Game*" and I will adhere to FYSA's rules.
- 🕒 While traveling, I shall conduct myself so as to bring credit to myself and my team
- 🕒 I shall not possess, consume or distribute before, during or after any game or at any other time at the field/game complex alcohol, tobacco, illegal drugs or unauthorized prescription drugs.
- 🕒 I will never use abusive or insulting language. I will treat everyone with dignity and respect.

Coaches/Volunteers:

- 🕒 I will never place the value of winning before the safety and welfare of all players.
- 🕒 I will always show respect for players, other coaches and game officials
- 🕒 I will lead by example, demonstrating fair play and sportsmanship at all times
- 🕒 I will demonstrate knowledge of the rules of the game and teach these rules to my players
- 🕒 I will never use abusive or insulting language. I will treat everyone with dignity
- 🕒 I will not tolerate inappropriate behavior, regardless of situation.
- 🕒 I will not allow the use of anabolic agents or stimulants, drugs, tobacco or alcohol by any of my players
- 🕒 I will never knowingly jeopardize the eligibility and participation of a student-athlete
- 🕒 Youth have a greater need for example than criticism. I will be the primary soccer role model
- 🕒 I will at all times conduct myself in a positive manner

- ☉ Coaching is motivating players to produce their best effort, inspiring players to learn and encouraging players to be winners.
- ☉ My actions on sidelines during games shall be in the spirit of “good sportsmanship” at all times. Profanity, profane gestures, arguing, inciting disruptive behavior by spectators and/or players, or any conduct not in the spirit of good sportsmanship, shall require disciplinary action from the affiliate.
- ☉ I shall not possess, consume or distribute, during or after any game or at any other time at the field and/or game complex alcohol, tobacco, illegal drugs or unauthorized prescription drugs.
- ☉ I will refrain from any activity or conduct that may be detrimental or reflect adversely upon FYSA, its members or its programs.
- ☉ I will accurately and completely complete the coach/volunteer application form and by application attest to the accuracy of the information submitted.

Parents/Spectators:

- ☉ I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, game officials and administrators at all times.
- ☉ I will place the emotional and physical well being of all players ahead of any personal desire to win
- ☉ I will support the coaches, officials and administrators working with my child, in order to encourage a positive and enjoyable experience for all
- ☉ I will remember that the game is for the players, not for the adults
- ☉ I will ask my child to treat other players, coaches, game officials, administrators and fans with respect
- ☉ I will always be positive
- ☉ I will always allow the coach to be the only coach
- ☉ I will not criticize game officials
- ☉ I will not get into arguments with the opposing team’s parents, players or coaches
- ☉ I will not come onto the field for any reason during the game
- ☉ I shall not possess, consume or distribute before, during or after any game or at any other time at the field and/or game complex alcohol, tobacco, illegal drugs or unauthorized prescription drugs
- ☉ I will refrain from any activity or conduct that may be detrimental or reflect adversely upon FYSA, its members or its programs

Failure to comply may result in the suspension of your privilege to participate in FYSA sanctioned events, for the following periods:

- 1st Offense: suspension for a minimum of 30 days to a maximum of 5 years
- 2nd Offense: suspension for a minimum of 1 year to a maximum of 10 years
- 3rd Offense: suspension for a minimum of 5 years to a maximum of 50 years

NOTE: Any individual charged with a violation of this Code of Ethics shall be afforded due process as defined in the FYSA’s Rule Section 600 before the implementation of any suspension.



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I _____ (Print Name), have received a copy of North Port Youth Soccer/Fusion FC and FYSA's code of ethics policies.

Signature

Date

