



# NELSON SOCCER ASSOCIATION ("NSA")

## Coaches Code of Conduct

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### **Fair Play for Coaches:**

- I will be reasonable when scheduling extra games and practices, remembering that young players have other interest and obligations.
- I will teach my players to play fairly and to respect the rules, officials and opponents.
- I will ensure that all players get equal instructions and support.
- I will not ridicule or yell at the players 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 ensure that equipment and facilities are safe and match the player's ages and abilities.
- I will remember that children need a coach they can respect. I will be generous with praise and set a good example.
- I will obtain proper training and continue to upgrade my coaching skills.
- I will not have unrealistic expectations. I will remember that child athletes are not miniature professionals and cannot be judged by professional standards.
- I will encourage all children to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
- I will never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a competition. I will give positive comments that motivate and encourage continued effort.
- I will condemn the use of violence in any form and will express my disapproval in an appropriate manner to co-coaches, parents and league officials.

- I will never question the official's judgment or honesty in public.
- I will respect the official's decision and I will encourage participants to do the same.
- I will support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from children's sporting events.
- I will show respect for my team's opponents, because without them there would be no game.
- I will not use bad language, nor will I harass athletes, coaches, officials or other spectators.

## **BCSA Competitions Rules and Regulations**

### **Code Of Conduct: All participants (including coaches) at BCSA Provincial Championships are expected to:**

- Act as ambassadors for their local clubs, districts and leagues.
- Participate in the Provincial Championships in the spirit of fair play, co-operation and respect for others at all times.
- Comply with the rulings by officials, coaches, managers, or any other person in a position of authority or responsibility.
- Respect the rules of the sport, the British Columbia Soccer Association Competitions Rules and BCSA Code of Conduct.
- Perform to the best of their ability in every competition and accept with pride the result their effort brings.
- Respect their opponent and the directions and decisions of competitive and other officials.
- Be gracious in victory and defeat
- Respect the rights of the residents of the Host Association and members from other clubs, districts, and leagues.
- Regard participation in the Provincial Championships as a privilege.
- Conduct themselves in accordance with the BCSA Code of Conduct to ensure that the Championships take place in a safe environment, free from harassment and discrimination for all members.
- Respect the Clean Air policy and ban on smoking at Championship venues and facilities.
- Obey all Federal laws, Provincial laws and Municipal laws, on alcohol consumption and illegal substance (drug) and tobacco use;
- Respect the Zero Tolerance of alcohol (acquiring, possession of purchasing or consuming) at Provincial Youth Championships.
- Be punctual for all official functions and activities.

## **Coaches will NOT:**

- Verbally or physically abuse other members of their team or participants in the Provincial Championships.
- Show disrespect to officials, including the use of foul language and obscene or offensive gestures.
- Breach any of the British Columbia Soccer Association Rules for Provincial Competitions.
- Abuse, damage or destroy facilities or equipment.
- Breach the requirements of the British Columbia Soccer Association Harassment Policy,
- Indulge in any other unreasonable conduct which brings the British Columbia Soccer Association into disrepute, including but not limited to, activities which disturb or disrupt the peace, infractions of municipal, provincial or federal laws, the abusive use of alcohol, the non-medical use of drugs, tobacco, or the use of alcohol by minors.

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_