

Coaches Code of Conduct

The Greenhaven Soccer Club is fully committed to providing a safe environment for participants, officials and spectators. As such, the GHSC has zero tolerance for violent, threatening or abusive behavior by any player, coach, parent, spectator, volunteer or official. Any level of abusive or threatening behavior by any of the above named persons may be penalized by suspension or expulsion from Greenhaven Soccer.

As a coach, I understand the importance of providing every player and family with a positive experience while participating in the GHSC program.

I acknowledge that I have the privilege of developing my player's soccer skills, as well as their life skills. I will teach them soccer skills in a developmentally appropriate manner with an eye towards keeping the atmosphere positive.

I will never ridicule or blame my players for making mistakes or losing a game. I will teach that we win as a team and lose as a team.

I am responsible for the conduct of everyone on my sideline, specifically as it relates to the referees, opposing coaches, players and spectators. I will insure that neither, I nor my players and spectators will display hostile behavior during or after the game towards referees, or any member of the opposing team and sideline.

I will monitor my sideline to eliminate coaching, and the shouting of instructions by the parents and spectators.

I will stress that spectators should offer positive encouragement to all players.

I set the tone for my team and sideline, and I will behave respectfully towards all players, parents, referees and opponents. I will actively discuss with my players the importance of character, ethics, and sportsmanship. I will never allow or participate in any type of boastful celebrations, or other actions that demean individuals or the sport. I will be gracious in victory and accept defeat with dignity. At the end of each game, my players and I will give our opponents a handshake, and I will instill respect in pre and post game rituals.

If I fail to comply with this Coaches' Code of Conduct Agreement, or any other rules or regulations enacted by GHSC and its affiliations, I agree and understand that I am subject to disciplinary actions or sanctions, including, but not limited to, suspension or expulsion from coaching in GHSC.

By signing this document, I acknowledge that I agree to this Coaches' Code of Conduct.

Coach Signature: _____ Date: _____

Coach Name (Printed) _____