



# Oahe Futbol Club

## Coaches Code of Conduct/Ethics

All persons will obey the following code of ethics while being associated with, traveling to, or participating in the Oahe FC program, or any endorsed activities with which it is affiliated. Actions or events that occur away from the field of play, at a time and place removed from sanctioned events, shall not be exempt from this code of ethics. Any violation of this code will cause the person to be ineligible to coach or perform the function that the person has been performing until such time as the case has been investigated, reviewed and a ruling made by the Oahe FC Board of Directors. Guidelines set forth by the USYSA will be used in the review process, with notification of the ruling to be sent to the State Association.

1. **Soccer is the player's game. The paramount concern of coaches is the holistic development, welfare, enjoyment and safety of their players.**
2. **Coaches bear responsibility for teaching players to strive for success while playing fairly, observing the laws of the game and the highest levels of sportsmanship.**
3. **Coaches shall treat officials with respect and dignity, and shall teach their players to do the same.**
4. **Our opponents are worthy of being treated with respect. Coaches will model such respect for opponents and expect their players to do likewise.**
5. **In both victory and defeat, the behavior of the coach shall model grace, dignity and composure.**
6. **Coaches shall adhere to the highest standards and the regulations of the institutions they represent: clubs, schools, sponsoring organizations and sports governing bodies.**
7. **Coaches shall model inclusive behavior, actively supporting cultural diversity while opposing all types of discrimination, including but not limited to, racism and sexism, at all levels of the game.**
8. **Coaches are responsible for taking an active role in education about, and prevention and treatment of drug, alcohol and tobacco abuse; both in their lives and in the lives of their players. Consumption of alcohol/tobacco products will not occur in the vicinity of playing/practice soccer fields. Persons under the influence of alcohol will not be allowed to participate in or perform their assigned duties at that time. The use of alcohol in any form will not be allowed on the field of play and it is appropriate that any coach or fan who smokes do so away from the field of play.**
9. **Coaches shall refrain from all manner of personal abuse and harassment of others, whether verbal, physical, emotional or sexual, and shall oppose such abuse and harassment at all levels of the game.**
10. **Coaches shall respect the declared affiliations of all players, and shall adhere to the guidelines and regulations on recruiting set forth by the governing bodies having oversight of their teams and leagues.**
11. **Coaches shall seek to honor those who uphold the highest standards and principals of soccer and shall use appropriate protocol to oppose and eliminate all behavior that brings disrepute to the sport – violence, abuse, dishonesty, disrespect and violations of the laws of the game and rules governing competition.**

Signature of Coach \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_