



FIVE POINTS SOCCER ASSOC. FOR YOUTH

North Adams * Peebles * Fayetteville * Georgetown * Hamersville * Hillsboro
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Coaches' Code of Ethics

Approved March 2009

Violation	Penalty
1. Ejection for dissent or constant verbal abuse of the referees during the game:	Remainder of that game plus the next three games.
2. Ejection for dissent or constant verbal abuse of the referees after the game:	Suspension for the next 4 games
THE FOLLOWING ARE TO BE ADDED TO THE ABOVE NUMBER 1 AND 2:	
3. Entering the field of play without permission of the referee:	1 game suspension
4. Aggressive physical contact with the referee or a player, i.e. grabbing the arm turning an individual around, poking, bumping, pushing, etc.:	1st offense - Suspension (to be determined by disciplinary committee) 2nd offense - Expulsion (to be determined by disciplinary committee)
5. Striking or kicking an official or player:	Permanent expulsion
6. Refusal to leave the playing field after an ejection:	1 game suspension and forfeiture of game (regardless of length of game played)
7. Constant and excessive verbal harassment of the opposing coach or players:	1st offense - 1 game suspension 2nd offense - 2 game suspension
8. Instructing players to play in a dangerous or unsportsmanlike manner:	1st offense - 2 game suspension 2nd offense - 5 game suspension
9. Instructing players to play in a dangerous or unsportsmanlike manner with deliberate intent to harm:	1st offense - 5 game suspension 2nd offense - permanent expulsion
10. Coaches must remain within the area between the penalty box line and midfield. Spectators must remain on the opposite side of the field from the players and coaches between the penalty box lines, where possible	warning / caution / ejection
11. Playing an illegal player:	game forfeiture
12. If it can be proved that the coach deliberately and with full knowledge used an illegal player:	season suspension
13. Smoking by coaches is not permitted either on the playing field or practice field.	warning / caution / ejection
14. The use of illegal drugs or alcohol is not permitted:	permanent expulsion.

NOTE: All **EJECTIONS** noted automatically carry a four game **SUSPENSION** and must be reported to the Area Referee Coordinator before 8:00 p.m. that same day.

A coach is considered to be ejected by either receiving a straight Red Card or TWO Yellow Card cautions in the same game. Any coach that is ejected will be required to attend a Referee clinic and pass the test prior to being assigned as a coach the following season.

TERMS: **WARNING** - a verbal statement from the game official
CAUTION - Yellow Card
EJECTION - Red Card
SUSPENSION - Temporary Removal (to be defined) from game participation
EXPULSION - Removal (to be defined) from any Association participation

1. All **EJECTIONS** will be reported to the Area Referee Coordinator before 8:00 p.m. the same day of the ejection.
2. Penalties that are assessed, which are longer than the remaining season, may be carried over to the next season
3. Penalties that are assessed after the game will be carried over to the next game.
4. Additional disciplinary actions can be taken by the District Representative or the Disciplinary Committee.

The position of coach or leader of any youth group is an important and serious responsibility. All the children look up to the coach and



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respect his position. His behavior is constantly under observation by them and they will strive to imitate his actions. The coach's opinion and behavior during the game will carry more weight than anyone else, even parents.

The following CODE OF ETHICS AND BEHAVIOR is offered here to exemplify the ideal SAY coach.

A good youth soccer coach should:

1. Know the laws of the game and teach them to your players. Read the rule book and attend a clinic to enhance your knowledge of the game.
2. Abide by the laws of the game and the SAY rules.
3. Treat the referee with respect, no matter what the call.
4. Exhibit exemplary conduct at both practices and games. Team discipline reflects the coach's attitude 100%.
5. Coach clean, skillful, honest and sportsmanlike soccer by stressing playing hard to win over winning itself.
6. Stress good sportsmanship. The coach is responsible for conduct of the players when they are together as a team.
7. Help maintain a climate of enjoyment among spectators by discouraging negative remarks and/or harassment of players, referees and other spectators.
8. Work at team morale as hard as soccer skills and tactics, be a "fun leader".
9. In dealing with team members, maximize praise and minimize criticisms. Make corrections slowly and calmly in a manner tailored to the individual.
10. Do not use profanity or vulgar language. Remember that you are helping to mold the character of your players.
11. Coach talented and non-talented players with equal vigor. Allow players more than their required minimum playing time.
12. Minimize coaching from the sidelines during games. Screaming during the game accomplishes **NOTHING**.
13. Pre-plan all practice sessions in detail to be interesting, fast-paced and involve all team members as much as possible (minimize standing around).
14. Welcome feedback from players and parents alike concerning potential problems and ways to improve.
15. Do not use tobacco or alcohol at any practice or game; encourage player's parents to refrain as well.

DEFINITIONS

A coach **UNDER PROBATION** will be placed on suspension for any of the above infractions. In general, the penalties for a coach on probation will be twice that applied under non-probation status as described above.

A coach **UNDER SUSPENSION** may not attend or participate in any way in any game his/her team plays during suspension.

A coach **UNDER EXPULSION** is out of the program indefinitely. Reinstatement may be made only after favorable review by the Disciplinary Committee. An expelled coach may not act in a coaching, managerial or supervisory capacity of any team.

The violation of an expulsion will result in possible game forfeiture and/or elimination of the team from league play and/or necessary legal action against the violator.

All penalties may be appealed by the coach to the Disciplinary Committee. All decisions reached by the Disciplinary Committee, using the published Coded of Ethics, will be final.

I, _____ agree to the above conditions as a prerequisite to coaching in the Five Points Soccer Association for Youth. I testify that I have not been convicted of a felony crime and may be subject to a background check.

Name

street

city, state zip

Signature

Area code and phone number