



Five Points Soccer Association for Youth
 Fayetteville * Georgetown * Hillsboro * North Adams *
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Coaches Code of Ethics

Approved January 2024

	VIOLATION	SUGGESTED PENALTY
1.	Ejection for dissent or constant verbal abuse of the referees before, during or after the game	Warning (verbal or YELLOW) followed by RED
2.	Entering the field of play without permission of the referee	
3.	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)
4.	Striking or kicking an official or player	Permanent Expulsion
5.	Refusal to leave the playing field after an ejection	To be determined by disciplinary committee
6.	Constant and excessive verbal harassment of the opposing coach or players:	1st offense - 1 game suspension
		2nd offense - 2 game suspension
7.	Instructing players to play in a dangerous or unsportsmanlike manner	1st offense - 1 game suspension
		2nd offense - 2 game suspension
8.	Instructing players to play in a dangerous or unsportsmanlike manner with deliberate intent to harm	1st offense - 5 game suspension
		2nd offense - permanent expulsion
9.	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 (verbal or YELLOW) followed by RED
10.	Playing an illegal player	Game Forfeiture
11.	If it can be proved that the coach deliberately and with full knowledge used an illegal player	Season Suspension
12.	Smoking by coaches is not permitted either on the playing field or practice field	Warning (verbal or YELLOW) followed by RED
13.	The use of illegal drugs or alcohol is not permitted	Permanent Expulsion

- All **EJECTIONS** noted automatically carry a **SUSPENSION** of the remainder of the current game + 1 game with a possible addition of more games to be added later by Disciplinary Committee.
- All Red cards must be reported to the Area President 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 *may* be required to attend a referee clinic before being allowed to coach the following season. To be determined by Disciplinary committee.

WARNING/CAUTION - Verbal warning or YELLOW Card

EJECTION - RED Card

SUSPENSION - Temporary Removal (to be defined) from game participation

EXPULSION - Removal (to be defined) from any Association participation

1. Penalties that are assessed, which are longer than the remaining season, may be carried over to the next season
2. Penalties that are assessed after the game will be carried over to the next game.
3. Additional disciplinary actions can be taken by the District Representative or the Disciplinary Committee.



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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 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 administered by the Disciplinary Committee, using the published Code of Ethics, will be final.

----- Retain top portion for your reference. (Return bottom portion to coach's coordinator or local District Representative.) -----

I, _____ have read the **Coaches Code of Ethics** and 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.

Coaches Signature

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Cell: (____) ____-____

city, state

zip