



Coach's Program Commitment & Code of Conduct

Coaches: When individuals agree to become coaches for the Twin Falls Rapids Soccer Club (TFRSC), they are making a commitment to develop athletes and teams in accordance with coaching philosophies of the TFRSC. They are expected to be a positive role model to both his/her team and the community.

Coach's Responsibilities to Athletes:

1. Treat athletes, opposing athletes, coaches, referees and spectators with respect.
2. Arrive at practices early enough to set up any equipment necessary for practice and be available for questions from athletes/parents.
3. Have well planned out practices that will challenge their athletes both mentally and physically.
4. Coaches must always carry all appropriate equipment and paperwork with them to all practices/scrimmages/games/tournaments (first aid kit, team wind feather, team bench, coach's handbook, and athlete notebook).
5. Honor their commitment to the team and attend all practices and games, unless special circumstances, injury or illness prevent it. Whenever possible, an absence from a practice or game should be discussed with the assistant coach &/or director of coaching as well as the manager before the absence occurs.
6. Remain at the practice site/game field until all athletes have obtained transportation home.
7. Take responsibility for communicating with your assistant coach. He/she should be involved in developing and running practices as well as games.
8. Demonstrate self-control at all times; remember you're a role model to your athletes and an ambassador of the TFRSC.
9. Practice good sportsmanship at all times.
10. Coaches should not tolerate inappropriate behavior from athletes regardless of the situation.
11. Demands on athletes' time should never be so extensive as to interfere with academic goals or progress.
12. Coaches must never encourage athletes to violate IYSA recruitment, eligibility or athletes rules and policies.
13. Accept the decisions of the referee without gesture or argument.
14. Win without boasting, and if you lose, do so gracefully and without excuses. All members of the team are expected to thank the opposing team and the referee staff before the team begins their cool-down.
15. **Never** quit or walk off the field from a game or practice.
16. Report any injuries requiring medical treatment to the Director of Coaching and to the TFSA registrar as soon as possible. Request a copy of a release to participate from the attending physician prior to allowing an athlete to participate in practice or games. The release to participate should be included in the coach's notebook with that athlete's information and a copy of the release should be submitted to the Rapids registrar.

Coach's Responsibilities to IYSA, TFSA & TFRSC membership:

1. Adherence to all IYSA and member association rules and policies, especially those regarding eligibility and team formation and member association rules and policies regarding recruiting are mandatory and should never be violated. It is the responsibility of each coach to know and understand these rules. Coaches that coach soccer as a junior or senior high school may not coach more than (2) athletes that currently play or that will play for them in the upcoming school season.
2. Take responsibility for communicating with the director of coaching about questions that arise during the season; including requests to have the director of coaching assist in the development of coaching strategy for your team.
3. Take responsibility for communicating with your team manager. This includes developing practice, game, & tournament schedules.
4. Coaches must use their influence on spectators that demonstrate intimidating and/or unacceptable behavior towards officials, athlete(s), and opposing team members.
5. Strive for improvement. Commit to attending coaching clinics to obtain a license and then continue upgrading it and your knowledge.
6. Coaches shall not consume alcohol during any club or team activity. This includes practices, games, tournaments, and "team" dinners at tournaments as they can be considered a team function.

Coach's Signature _____ Date _____