

Meyerland Soccer at The ERJCC

Coach Code of Ethics

I hereby pledge to provide positive support, care, and encouragement for players participating in youth sports program:

- I will place the emotional and physical well being of my players ahead of a personal desire to win.
- I will treat each player as an individual, remembering the large range of emotional and physical development for the same age group.
- I will do my best to provide a safe playing situation for my players.
- I promise to review and practice basic first aid principles needed to treat injuries of my players.
- I will do my best to organize practices that are fun and challenging for all my players.
- I will lead by example in demonstrating fair play and sportsmanship to all my players.
- I will provide a sports environment for my team that is free of drugs, tobacco, and alcohol, and I will refrain from their use at all youth sports events.
- I will be knowledgeable in the rules of Meyerland Soccer, and I will teach these rules to my players.
- I will use those coaching techniques appropriate for all of the skills that I teach.
- I will remember that I am a youth sports coach, and that the game is for children and not adults.
- Coaches who do not follow the Code of Ethics will be subject to a Corrective Action Policy. It is our philosophy that coaches' actions should not spoil the experience of participation in youth sports for the children.

For violations of the Code of Ethics or Responsibilities and Expectations, the following steps will be followed:

Step 1 – Verbal Warning – Opposing Coach or Officials will discuss undesirable conduct with player(s) and stress that this behavior will not be tolerated. Officials will document this conversation and give to league administrator.

Step 2 – Written Warning – Opposing coach or Officials will notify the league administrator of continued breach of Code of Ethics and league administrator will bring coach in for a meeting to discuss actions and what the proper behavior is.

Step 3 – Game Suspension – The ERJCC will ban the coach from attending the next scheduled contest and another letter will be given to the coach stating that the next offense will lead to coach being banned from all future contests.

Step 4 – Season Suspension The coach will be banned from attending all league contests after a 4th offense. The coach will then have to meet with the League Supervisor prior to the start of the season to determine if the coach is capable of behaving within the spirit and letter of the guidelines of this program.

These guidelines are not absolute in dealing with behavioral problems. Severe situations could merit harsher sanctions against the player