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## WASA Coach's Conduct Policy

This Coach's Conduct Policy from the Westerville Amateur Soccer Association (WASA), outlines the expectations and standards of behavior for all coaches associated with the WASA organization. Our commitment to fostering a positive, safe, and respectful environment for athletes, parents, and fellow coaches is paramount. This policy serves to guide coaches in their interactions and decision-making, ensuring that they model integrity, sportsmanship, and professionalism both on and off the field. By adhering to these principles, coaches play a crucial role in promoting the values of teamwork, respect, and personal development within our athletic community.

The league's success depends on interested parents and guardians such as yourself to ensure that our children get the very best experience possible while playing in WASA. Please take the time to read this policy regarding our coaching conduct standards that not only applies to WASA scheduled games, but also to practices, scrimmages, or any informal event.

1. A coach's first priority during every contact with players under his/her supervision is the health and safety of the players.
2. Coaches are responsible for the behavior of the players, spectators, and themselves. A preseason communication should go out to parents to review any and all policies that a coach wishes to use for a given season.
3. Respect the referees at all times. Chat with the referee prior to your game to ensure consensus of game policies. Never lay hands or criticize the referees because your parents and players will follow your lead. Remember most of our referees for WASA are youth referees. We will not tolerate such action.
4. Keep all interactions with the opposing team's coaches/players/parents as positive as possible. The opposing team is not the enemy.
5. Limit your comments from the sideline to positive comments. If more needs to be said it is probably best to remove the player from the game and talk to the player in a one-on-one environment.
6. Do not encourage your team to run up the score on another team. Unbalanced games happen, but there are creative ways to challenge a superior team that can potentially even the playing field.
7. Coaches will provide players with an atmosphere that develops an appreciation of the game of soccer; emphasizes the value of sportsmanship, effort, and the fun of the game.

8. Coaches will ensure that each player plays at least one-half (50%) of each game (in recreation league games) except for reasons of injury, illness, or discipline.
9. Coaches should offer every player experience at all positions and have equal opportunities to play at those positions.
10. Coaches will refrain from the use of alcohol, tobacco or vaping devices in the presence of parents or participants.

Failure to follow the Coach's Conduct Policy set forth by the rules above, may result in discipline actions including, but not limited to, the following consequences:

1. Verbal or written warning
2. Temporary suspension from WASA practices and games.
3. Permanent suspension from all WASA activities
4. Any other action deemed appropriate by the WASA Disciplinary Committee and the league coordinator.

**Violations:**

If there is a violation to any of the WASA Coaches Conduct rules that are set forth above, the procedure to address the issue will be as follows:

1. The coach will be contacted by the WASA league coordinator by either phone call or email. If the communication is done through email, an acknowledgement from the coach must be received.
2. The league coordinator and the WASA Disciplinary Committee will discuss the situation and determine what steps will be taken next. The coach will be notified through email of any additional sanctions by the Disciplinary Committee. All decisions from the committee are considered final.
3. If the decision of the Disciplinary Committee is not followed, this could result in an indefinite ban from coaching in WASA and a potential signup ban for the coach's family.
4. Reinstatement would follow a written 'show cause' request from the coach. If this step is required, it will be conveyed via certified mail.

Thank you for your positive participation in WASA.