



CLUB DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE

CDL Ethical Standards

Game Day Commitment to Ethical Standards

Coach Commitment

1. No tolerance for any acts of racism and/or discrimination.
2. Never place the value of winning over the safety and welfare of players.
3. Remember that they are:
 - a. involved in coaching for the players.
 - b. have the players' best interest in mind.
 - c. seek to provide an environment where players not only develop as players of the game, but as people.
4. Not tolerate inappropriate behavior from players and spectators regardless of the situation.
5. Any problems that cannot be resolved between coaches or clubs should be referred to the appropriate CDL committee.
6. Should demonstrate a working knowledge of the Laws of the Game.
7. Responsible to ensure that their players:
 - a. understand the intent as well as the application of the Laws.
 - b. actions on the field must not permit them to perform with intent of causing injury to opposing players.
8. Constantly strive to teach good sporting behavior.
 - a. Not seek unfair advantage by teaching deliberate unsportsmanlike behavior to players.
9. Refrain from criticizing officials in the presence of players or spectators.
 - a. Comments regarding an official should be made in writing to the appropriate organization assigning the official.
10. Professional respect, before, during and after the game, should be mutual. There should be no demeaning dialogue or gestures between coach, official or player.
11. It is unacceptable for a coach to have any verbal altercation with an opposing coach or bench before, during or after the game.
12. Not incite players or spectators or attempt to disrupt the flow of the game.
13. A coach's behavior must be such as to bring credit to himself, their organization, and the sport of soccer.

Player Commitment

1. No tolerance for any acts of racism and/or discrimination.
2. Remember that soccer is an opportunity to learn and have fun.
3. Treat my coaches, other players and coaches, game officials, other administrators, and fans with respect always; regardless of race, sex, creed, or abilities, and I will expect to be treated accordingly.
4. Players will:
 - a. Concentrate on playing soccer.
 - b. play by the rules.
 - c. control temper, resisting the temptation of retaliation.
 - d. Not use abusive or insulting language.
 - e. Treat everyone with dignity.

5. Conduct in playing of the game and towards all officials shall be in accordance with appropriate behavior and in accordance with FIFA's "Laws of the Game," and in adherence to CDL rules.
6. A player's behavior must be such as to bring credit to themselves, their organization, and the sport of soccer.

Spectator Commitment

1. No tolerance for any acts of racism and/or discrimination.
2. Encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, game officials, and administrators.
3. Parents will:
 - a. Not get into arguments with the opposing team's parents, players, or coaches.
 - b. Not come onto the field for any reason during the game.
 - c. Not criticize game officials.
 - d. Understand that the game is for the players, and to be enjoyed by the adults.
 - e. Place the emotional and physical wellbeing of all players ahead of any personal desire to win.
4. Refrain from any activity or conduct that may be detrimental or reflect adversely upon CDL, its members or its clubs.
5. A spectator's behavior must be such as to bring credit to themselves, their organization, and the sport of soccer.