



Hilton Sparks Coaches Code of Ethics

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Coaching is a privilege offered and granted to individuals who perform capably during Hilton Sparks and affiliated association sanctioned activities. It carries with it an obligation for each individual coach to uphold and promote the stated goals and objectives. Any conduct unethical or a conflict of interest shall be subject to discipline by the Hilton Sparks board.

Responsibilities To Players

1. The coach will never place the value of winning over the safety and welfare of the players.
2. Coaches shall instruct the players to play within the written laws of the game and within the spirit of the game at all times.
3. Coaches shall not seek unfair advantage by teaching deliberate unsportsmanlike behaviors to players.
4. Coaches shall not tolerate inappropriate behavior from players regardless of the situation.
5. Coaches must never encourage players to violate league eligibility or players' rules or policies.
6. Coaches shall direct players to seek proper medical attention for injuries and to follow the physician's instructions regarding treatment and recovery.
7. Coaches, when appropriate, will utilize their substitutes in game situations to allow for equal playing time for all players.

Responsibilities To The League

1. Adherence to all league rules and policies, especially those regarding eligibility and team formation and member association rules and policies that are mandatory and should never be violated. It is the responsibility of the coaches to know and understand these rules.
2. Any problems that cannot be resolved between coaches should be referred to the Coach Coordinator or next available board member.

Responsibilities To The Laws Of The Game

1. Coaches should be thoroughly acquainted with and demonstrate a working knowledge of the laws of the game.
2. Coaches are responsible to assure their players understand the intent as well as the application of the laws.
3. Coaches must adhere to the letter and the spirit of the laws of the game.
4. Coaches are responsible for their players' actions on the field and must not permit them to perform with the intent of causing injury to opposing players.
5. The coach must constantly strive to teach good sporting behavior.

Responsibility To Officials

1. Officials must have the support of coaches, players, and spectators. Coaches must always refrain from criticizing officials in the presence of players or spectators.
2. Professional respect, before, during, and after the game must be mutual. There must be no demeaning dialogue or gestures between official, coach, or player.

3. Coaches must not incite players or spectators or attempt to disrupt the flow of the game.
4. Comments regarding an official should be made in writing to the Referee Coordinator or next available Hilton Sparks board member.

Responsibilities Of Public Relations

1. Coaches have a responsibility to promote the game of soccer to the public. Comments and critiques of governing bodies, teams, coaches, players, parents or media must be positive and constructive.
2. Coaches have the responsibility to assist their players in conducting themselves properly when in public, representing their team and league.
3. Coaches must not attempt to influence their league or leagues in political or financial dealings outside the framework of their own rules and bylaws.

General Responsibilities

1. The behavior of coaches must be such as to bring credit to themselves, their organization and the sport of soccer.
2. While the concept of rivalry is wholly embraced, it cannot take precedence over exemplary professional conduct.
3. The attitude and conduct of the coach towards officials, players, spectators, and coaches must be controlled and undemonstrative.
4. It is unacceptable for a coach to have a verbal altercation with an official, opposing coach or bench before, during or after the game.
5. Coaches must use their influence on spectators that demonstrate intimidating and/or unacceptable behavior towards officials, players, and opposing team members.

By signing this document I certify that I understand that should I breach this code of ethics, the Hilton Sparks board of directors may take disciplinary actions.

Name of Coach (Print): _____

Signature of Coach: _____

Date: _____

Date Received by Hilton Sparks Inc.: _____

Our Mission:

Hilton Sparks exists to promote the development of youth in our community through participation in athletic competition. Our goal is to provide activities that offer recreational, social and physical development for children of all skill levels. We are committed to providing participants with the opportunity to develop athletically and personally in a positive, supportive, and safe environment. Hilton Sparks encourages and promotes ethical and moral behavior, good sportsmanship, community involvement and good citizenship.

It is our hope that the majority of our league participants will pursue the sport throughout their teenage years and into their adult lives.