

HCS Coach Code of Conduct

Hendricks Community Soccer

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As a coach with HCS, you are a mentor, leader, and role model. Your impact extends far beyond the field. The following expectations reflect our commitment to a **fun, inclusive, and development-focused environment** where every child can grow as a **player, leader, and individual**.

Coaching with Purpose

- I will remember that youth sports are for the players, not the adults. My role is to support their growth, not pursue wins.
 - I will actively teach the rules of soccer and the policies of HCS, helping players learn both the game and how to play it with integrity.
 - I will provide equal playing time to all players, recognizing the importance of participation, confidence, and development.
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Sportsmanship & Leadership

- I will model positive behavior, win or lose. I will teach my team how to celebrate victory with humility and accept defeat with grace.
 - I will work to prevent lopsided games. If my team leads by 5 or more goals, I will adjust strategy to encourage balance and sportsmanship.
 - I will actively manage the game to keep the score within a 5-goal difference, focusing on balanced scoring and matching the opposing team's ability level as much as possible.
 - I will prevent any one player from dominating the scoreboard and teach all players the importance of team contribution over individual accolades.
 - I will respect referees at all times, understanding many are youth learning the game. Disagreements will be handled with professionalism and perspective.
 - I will demonstrate fair play, teamwork, and inclusiveness in all interactions on and off the field.
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Respect for All

- I will treat every player, coach, official, and spectator with respect, regardless of background, gender, race, ability, or belief.
 - I will recognize the diverse development levels of children within the same age group and coach accordingly.
 - I will foster an environment that is free of drugs, tobacco, alcohol, and any inappropriate behavior.
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Safety & Development First

- I will prioritize the emotional and physical well-being of every player over any desire to win.
 - I will maintain a safe environment, staying attentive to hazards, weather, and equipment issues.
 - I will be prepared with basic first aid knowledge and respond promptly to any injuries or concerns.
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Collaboration & Accountability

- I will be available to address parent questions and concerns with patience and professionalism.
 - When challenges arise that cannot be resolved directly, I will reach out to an HCS Director or Board Member for support.
 - I understand that repeated violations of this code may result in disciplinary action or dismissal from my coaching role.
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Training with Intention

- I will organize engaging, age-appropriate practices that challenge and excite players.
 - I will continually improve my coaching approach to match the skill levels and learning styles of the players I serve.
 - I will remember that fun is our ultimate goal, and joy is the best motivator for long-term growth.
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Thank you for your commitment to developing players who grow in skill, character, and confidence. You are a vital part of the HCS mission to build not only strong athletes, but strong people.