



DSA Coaches Code of Conduct

Purpose

To promote the physical, moral, spiritual, mental, social and emotional well-being of our youth participants.

To stress the highest ideals of ethical conduct, sportsmanship, and fair play.

To show courtesy and respect to all visiting teams and referees.

To encourage the development of leadership, initiative, and good judgment in all team members.

To be gracious in defeat and modest in victory

Coaches

1. Shall know and abide by all DSA rules and guidelines as well as FIFA soccer rules.
2. Shall be ever mindful of the responsibility for the impact he/she has on each youthful player before, during and after each practice and game.
3. Shall place the diverse emotional and physical well-being of each player ahead of any personal desire to win.
4. Shall be a positive influence and demonstrate by example fair play and good sportsmanship to players, other coaches, parents and referees.
5. Shall balance fun and discipline according to ages and ability level of players.
6. Shall provide each player with the opportunity to reach his/her maximum potential.
7. Shall be a representative of the DeSoto Soccer Association and act accordingly. Shall not engage in any conduct that is prejudicial to or reflects discredit upon the DSA.
8. Shall establish a cordial and friendly relationship between host and visiting teams.
9. Shall obtain the referees' names before the game starts. Shall show respect for the integrity and judgment calls of referees.
10. Shall not under any circumstance, verbally abuse or harass referees or enter the field of play without the referee's permission.
11. Shall control the actions of players and spectators to ensure that they do not, under any circumstance, verbally abuse or harass referees or other players and shall take immediate steps to remedy any actual or perceived infraction.
12. Shall remain calm at all times, shall not use any foul abusive or loud language, and shall not approach referees, players or other coaches in a threatening manner.
13. Shall ensure under all circumstances, shake hands with opponents after each game to show good sportsmanship and shall take immediate steps to remedy (e.g. player apology) any actual or perceived poor sportsmanship.
14. Shall inform coordinator, use the preprinted conduct, and referee evaluation postcards to report conduct problems and referee performance. The referee evaluation postcards or letters are the only acceptable means for venting any frustrations over actual or perceived referee performance.

Officials, Board Members and Coaches will vigorously enforce the DSA Code of Conduct and take swift and appropriate action (e.g. suspension/termination of participation) for any infractions. The DSA Board deserves the right to impose sanctions.

Coaches Name _____ Signature _____

Team Name Age Division _____ Season _____

Date Signed _____