

1 Federal Way Mod Soccer Club
2 Policy 9
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6 Code of Ethics
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8 Purpose

9 This code of ethics has been developed to clarify and distinguish approved and accepted professional,
10 ethical and moral behavior from that which is detrimental to the development of soccer within the
11 Washington State Youth Soccer Association (WSYSA).
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13 Article I - Responsibilities to Players

- 14 1. The coach shall never place the value of winning over the safety and welfare of players.
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- 16 2. Coaches shall instruct players to play within the written laws of the game and within the spirit of the
17 game at all times.
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- 19 3. Coaches shall not seek unfair advantage by teaching deliberate unsportsmanlike behavior to players.
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- 21 4. Coaches should not tolerate inappropriate behavior from players regardless of the situation.
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- 23 5. Demands on players' time should never be so extensive as to interfere with academic goals or progress.
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- 25 6. Coaches must never encourage players to violate WSYSA recruitment, eligibility or players rules and
26 policies.
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- 28 7. Coaches should direct players to seek proper medical attention for injuries and follow the physician's
29 instructions regarding treatment and recovery.
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31 Article II - Responsibility to WSYSA and Member Associations

- 32 1. Adherence to all WSYSA and Member Association rules and policies, especially those regarding
33 eligibility, team formation and recruiting are mandatory and should never be violated. It is the
34 responsibility of each coach to know and understand these rules.
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- 36 2. Any problems that cannot be resolved between coaches should be referred to the appropriate WSYSA or
37 Member Association officer or committee.
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39 Article III - Responsibilities to the Laws of the Game

- 40 1. Coaches should be thoroughly acquainted with and demonstrate a working knowledge of the Laws of the
41 Game.
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- 43 2. Coaches are responsible to assure their players understand the intent as well as the application of the
44 Laws.
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- 46 3. Coaches must adhere to the letter and spirit of the Laws of the Game.
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- 48 4. Coaches are responsible for their players' actions on the field and must not permit them to perform with
49 intent of causing injury to opposing players.
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- 51 5. The coach must constantly strive to teach good sporting behavior.
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53 Article IV - Responsibility to Officials

- 54 1. Officials must have the support of coaches, players and spectators. Coaches must always refrain from
55 criticizing officials in the presence of players or spectators.

- 56 2. Professional respect, before, during and after the game, should be mutual. There should be no demeaning
57 dialogue or gestures between official, coach or player.
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59 3. Coaches must not incite players or spectators or attempt to disrupt the flow of the game.
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61 4. Comments regarding an official should be made in writing to the appropriate organization assigning the
62 official.
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64 Article V - Responsibilities Regarding Scouting and Recruiting

- 65 1. All WSYSA rules pertaining to recruiting shall be strictly observed by coach, manager or any team
66 representative.
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68 2. It is inappropriate to recruit player(s) actively playing for another team.
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70 3. It is unethical for a player to be recruited or enticed from the Olympic Development Program (ODP)
71 setting, either by his ODP coach or any other coach, manager, player, parent or team representative.
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73 4. When discussing the advantages of his/her organization, the coach has an obligation to be forthright and
74 refrain from making derogatory remarks regarding other coaches, teams and organizations.
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76 5. It is unethical for any coach to make a statement to a prospective athlete which cannot be fulfilled; illegal
77 to promise any kind of compensation or inducement for play; and immoral to deliver same.
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79 6. Coaches shall not scout any team, by any means whatsoever, except in regularly scheduled games.
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81 Article VI - Responsibilities of Public Relations

- 82 1. Coaches have a responsibility to promote the game of soccer to the public. Comments and critiques of
83 governing bodies, teams, coaches, players, parents or media should be positive and constructive.
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85 2. Coaches have the responsibility to assist their players in conducting themselves properly when in public
86 when representing their team, member association and WSYSA.
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88 3. Coaches must not attempt to influence member associations or WSYSA in political or financial dealings
89 outside the framework of their own rules and By-Laws.
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91 Article VII - Other Responsibilities

- 92 1. A coach's behavior must be such as to bring credit to himself, his organization and the sport of soccer.
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94 2. While concept of rivalry is wholly embraced, it cannot take precedence over exemplary professional
95 conduct.
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97 3. The attitude and conduct of the coach towards officials, players, spectators and coaches should be
98 controlled and undemonstrative.
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100 4. It is unacceptable for a coach to have any verbal altercation with an opposing coach or bench before,
101 during or after the game.
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103 5. Coaches must use their influence on his/her spectators that demonstrate intimidating and/or unacceptable
104 behavior towards officials, player(s) and opposing team members.
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106 As a coach of this club and the FWSA, I hereby subscribe and agree to adhere to the above code and subject
107 myself to the decisions of the Club Judicial Board as they pertain to breaches in this code.
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110 name date