



White House Youth Soccer Coaches & Team Managers Code of Conduct

This Code of Conduct outlines the expectations for all coaches and team managers within White House Youth Soccer (WHYS). By agreeing to serve, you acknowledge these responsibilities and commit to upholding the standards and policies outlined below. Full details about policies and rules may be found in other documents.

1. Gameplay & Practice Rules and Policies

- Compliance with WHYS and TSSA Rules:
 - Follow all gameplay rules set forth by White House Youth Soccer (WHYS), TSSA, and USYS.
 - Abide by age-specific rules, including restrictions on heading and punting for U11 and below, and ensure that players play in their correct age division unless officially approved.
 - Ensure all players meet eligibility requirements, including completed registration, paid fees, and compliance with WHYS policies. (Select Only)
- Recruiting Policies: (Select Only)
 - Coaches are prohibited from actively recruiting players from other WHYS teams or external clubs in a way that violates WHYS or TSSA rules.
 - Recruitment for select teams must follow official WHYS tryout procedures, with no preferential treatment outside the approved process.
- Guest Player Rules: (Select Only)
 - Guest players must be officially approved by the Director of Select or an appropriate WHYS board member. Unauthorized use of guest players will result in disciplinary action.
- Off-season Training (Select Only)
 - Off-season training sessions or activities organized by a team are strictly voluntary and cannot be mandated. Sessions must be communicated to all eligible team players.
 - If applicable, an agreed upon training fee structure must be agreed upon by parents prior to the start of the sessions.

2. Appropriate Behavior with Players, Officials, Spectators, and Parents

- Respect for Players:
 - Treat all players fairly, with dignity and respect.
 - Use positive reinforcement and constructive feedback to build skills and confidence.
- Interaction with Officials:
 - Respect referees and their decisions during games.
 - Refrain from arguing with or undermining referees, even when perceived errors occur.
 - Report rule-related concerns to the Director of Referees or WHYS board members rather than directly confronting officials.
- Engagement with Parents and Spectators:
 - Set a positive example for spectators by exhibiting sportsmanship and professionalism.
 - Address parent concerns respectfully and privately. Do not tolerate disruptive or abusive behavior from spectators.
 - Take immediate action to manage unruly spectator behavior and, if necessary, involve board members or referees.

3. Ethical Conduct

- Integrity:
 - Act with honesty, integrity, and professionalism in all interactions related to WHYS.
 - Avoid any behavior that could be perceived as a conflict of interest or favoritism.
 - Accurately handle player and team financials (Select Only)
- Sportsmanship:
 - Prioritize fair play and foster an environment that emphasizes effort and development over winning.
 - Do not encourage or tolerate unsportsmanlike conduct from players, parents, or spectators.

4. Abuse

- Zero Tolerance Policy:
 - WHYS prohibits any form of abuse, including physical, verbal, emotional, or sexual abuse, of players, parents, officials, or other coaches.
 - Coaches and managers must complete SafeSport and concussion training with a background check annually and adhere to its guidelines. (Select Only)
 - Any reports of abuse will result in immediate investigation and potential immediate removal from coaching responsibilities.

5. Player Safety

- Health and Well-Being:
 - Prioritize player safety at all times during practices, games, and other events.
 - Adhere to concussion protocols and remove any player suspected of having a head injury. Players may only return to play with medical clearance.
 - Be prepared to respond to emergencies, including heat-related illnesses and injuries, and have access to emergency contacts.
 - Team managers should have medical release forms for all players at every competition. (Select Only)

6. Recognition of Authority

- Board and Director Authority:
 - Acknowledge and respect the authority of WHYS board members and directors.
 - Follow directives and guidance from the board, including compliance with organizational policies and decisions.
 - Resolve disputes or concerns through proper channels by communicating with the appropriate board member or director.

Acknowledgment of Responsibilities

By signing below, I affirm that I have read, understood, and agreed to adhere to the White House Youth Soccer (WHYS) Coaches & Team Manager Code of Conduct. I acknowledge that failure to comply with these standards may result in disciplinary action, including suspension or removal from my position.

Name (Print): _____

Date: _____

Signature: _____