

ELITE Soccer Coaching Contract

COACH COMMITMENT

Coaches are expected to be role models who project the spirit of the sport on and off the field. They are responsible for fairly applying the League's policies and all competitive program regulations and processes. Coaches for Newark Elite Soccer will comply with all the below.

“POSITIVE” BEHAVIOR FOR COACHES

The stated goals for coaches are many, and NONE include arguing with the referees. Every one of these goals deals with the coach's responsibility to teach players about soccer using skill, reason, fitness, and logic. Some specific goals request coaches to:

- Inspire a love for the game and the desire to compete fairly.
- Realize that you are a teacher (and role model) and that the soccer field is a classroom.
- Develop respect for the opponents, opposing coaches, and of the officials.
- Be reasonable in your demands on the young players' time, energy, enthusiasm and their performance on the soccer field.
- Impress on your players that they must abide by the rules of the game at all times.
- Develop team RESPECT for the ability of opponents, and for the judgment of referees and opposing coaches.
- Ensure that your players' soccer experience is one of fun and enjoyment (winning is only part of it). Players should never be yelled at or ridiculed for any reason.
- Set a good example and be generous with your praise when it is deserved. Children need a coach they can respect.
- Keep informed about “sound principles of coaching”; and “growth and development” principles relating to children.
- Enlist the support of your team's parents in your efforts to instill the proper attitudes and values in the players.
- ELITE Soccer coaches are responsible for the conduct of their sideline.
- Check equipment that you use. It should meet safety standards and be appropriate for the age and ability of your players. Bring all safety issues concerning facilities to the attention of the appropriate authority.
- Follow the advice of a physician when determining when an injured child is ready to play again.
- A coach has the responsibility to ensure that all players receive at least their minimum earned playing time during games.
- You will not leave a child unattended. You will wait for their parents to come pick them up after practice you cannot leave them alone. You will make sure they all leave the game with their parents.
- You will make sure you have carpool forms on all your children regardless if they do not

- ride with you all the time.
- A coach may never strike, shake, push, or otherwise physically assault a player.
- Abide by the rules of all leagues and tournaments in which your team participates
- You will instill a NO CURSING policy at practice. We practice how we play and if you allow it at practice then they will do it at a game. Cursing/Swearing leads to violence you are responsible for your players teach them NOW. _____ Initial
- You will remove a player from the field of play if you hear him/her cursing/swearing or becoming aggressive towards a player. Give him/her a cool down by subbing him/her.

REFEREE's and OFFICIALS

ELITE Soccer will not tolerate nor jeopardize our affiliations due to coaches', players' or friends or families behavior and lack of self-control. You cannot overturn a referee's call so why scream and yell on the sideline? It will not change his decision just get the ref upset towards your team. We expect all coaches to remain calm - even if you feel wronged.

Some suggestions on things behaviors to practice;

- Notify the referee's your captains will come to them with any concerns on the field.
- Notify the referee's if you have any concerns of your opponents... played them previously and the game was aggressive and talk of "I will get you next time" so the ref is aware of previous tension.
- If you don't agree with a call, at the end of the game, respectfully notify the officials you want the game card noted that you don't agree with how the game was called and you will be filing a referee report, you write it on the game card or watch them write it. Take a picture of the game card after it is signed with your cell phone to ensure nothing else is written after you signed.
- No coach shall use profanity or make derogatory remarks or gestures to; opponents coaches, opponent's parents, your team parents, officials (Field Marshalls, Board Members), player or spectator.
- Never sign the game card until after the game.
- Do not publicly question referees judgment and never their honesty at the field. File a report.
- Be a positive role-model whenever you are around any players. If you feel a situation is getting out of control then go to the AR on your sideline and let him know you are pulling your team off the field due to lack of control of the game by an official. If the AR doesn't know what to do advise him to raise his flag and wave it so you may pull your players off. Do not "take it into your own hands". Defuse, rather than inflate problems.

“NEGATIVE” BEHAVIOR FOR COACHES

As a role model and teacher, it is expected that all coaches, will not exhibit any negative behavior by shouting and arguing with the officials on their games. A coach sent off can be awarded a minimum of a three game suspension and a three game probation by the proper authorities. Since the coach is responsible for the behavior of the parents, it will be the coach who is sent off when it is a parent who has violated the rule. Also note the league may apply additional suspensions based on the violation.

It appears that many verbal confrontations revolve around coaches and the official's difference in opinions. Referees are trained to make calls based on FIFA Instruction of the Application of the Laws of the Game.

It is vital that all coaches understand that they are the focal point for their team and their actions, positive and negative, greatly influence the enjoyment of the youth players and parents

It must also be noted that a coach's abusive language on the sidelines, spills onto the playing field and increases the chance of youth players being Cautioned or Sent Off for Dissent or worse – use of foul and abusive language. Help your players stay in the game by setting the appropriate example.

COACHES LICENSES

All coaches are required to have either a E (USSF), Grade 4 (NSCAA license or a Coerver Youth Diploma to coach competitive soccer. All that do not have need to attend the coaches' clinics this year to gear towards this.

COACHES REFEREE'ING

All coaches are expected to coach their minimum of 3 competitive games. Those who fail will come before the PAD Committee to determine discipline.

COACHES COMMITMENT TERM

Each coach in U8D-U19 is expected to sign on for a period of 2 years in ELITE Soccer. The reason for this is to ensure we don't have teams jumping from league to league. You may opt to not agree to the 2 year commitment however this will also waive your right to the Fireworks funding. Teams leaving ELITE Soccer will also forfeit money established in their ELITE Soccer account.

Please Sign:

I have read the above and agree to all the above commitments.

Signature: _____

I have read the above and agree to all but the coach's commitment and understand my Fireworks funding will be removed this year.

Signature: _____

I need to obtain my license and agree to have this completed by:

E or Equivalent Licensing _____ (signature)

Referee License _____ (signature)