



COACHING CODE OF CONDUCT

This code of conduct has been developed to clarify and distinguish approved and accepted professional, ethical and moral behavior from that which is detrimental to the development of the sport of soccer. The term “coach” shall include, but is not limited to the Head Coach, Assistant Coach(s), Manager/Trainers and Team Representatives.

By signing this agreement below, I acknowledge that I will adhere to the guidelines as set out in this COACH CODE OF CONDUCT. Failure to adhere to these guidelines will result in disciplinary action, including removal from my position as a CSC coach.

Parent Meeting

The Head Coach must schedule a parent meeting once per month. **7 day advance** notification must be provided to parents by the coach directly or through the team manager.

Practice Schedule

Minimum Practice Requirements:

U9-U12 TEAM: Will have 2 practice sessions per week scheduled. Practice sessions should be a minimum of 75 minutes in duration.

U13-U18 TEAM: Will have a 2 practice session per week scheduled. Practice sessions should be a minimum of 90 minutes in duration.

Any practice cancellations **FOR ANY REASON** must be approved by the **DOC in ADVANCE of any CANCELLATION**.

Any **DEVIATION** from the designated practice expectations listed above MUST BE APPROVED IN ADVANCE by the DOC.

Exceptions:

- a. During Thanksgiving week practice will not be required; however it may be offered at the discretion of the Head Coach.
- b. During the Fall Break of CMCSS there will be no required practices; however practices may be offered at the discretion of the head coach.
- c. During the Winter Break there will be a 14-day period Christmas Week through New Year’s Week where practices will not be required; however practice may be offered at the discretion of the Head Coach.
- d. In conjunction with the dates of the CMCSS Spring Break Week there will be no required practices; however practice may be offered at the discretion of the Head Coach.

Conflict of Interest

As a Clarksville Soccer Club coach, I agree that my association with Clarksville SC shall be my primary association and I shall not advertise myself as being associated with any other soccer association except with **prior written consent by the Clarksville Soccer Club**. From time to time, I may provide my services to other persons, firms, soccer organizations **ONLY AFTER** receiving written consent from the Clarksville Soccer Club provided that:

1. The services do not involve any players who are currently CSC players on a roster of a team that I am assigned as coach.
2. The services to Clarksville SC continue to be provided in a timely manner, and I am fulfilling my duties and responsibilities.
3. The services do not conflict with any programming offered by the CSC Center of Excellence or CSC Youth Academy program.



General Conduct

- The coach will arrive in advance of training session to set-up and prepared with an organized lesson plan for every training session.
- The coach will be focused on the training session and not be distracted. If you coach your own child; every effort should be made to ensure that your interactions with that child are neutral during team training time and not disruptive to the team. If you do not coach your child and your child is present at your training session; they must be supervised by someone other than yourself as to ensure that they do not disrupt or cause a distraction to your duty as a coach at team training sessions or competitions.
- Cell phones should not be used during team practice time unless it is an emergency.
- The coach will refrain from having distractions during practice.
- The coach must never place the value of winning over the safety and welfare of players. Winning should be the result of preparation and discipline with the emphasis placed on the highest ideals and character traits.
- Coaches shall instruct players to play within the written laws of the game and within the spirit of the game at all times.
- Coaches shall not seek unfair advantage by teaching deliberate unsportsmanlike behavior to players.
- Coaches are responsible for their player's actions on the field and must not permit them to perform with the intent to causing injury to opposing players.
- If coaches permit, encourage, or condone performance that is not in the letter of spirit of the laws of the game, then they are derelict in their responsibility to the players, member associations, TN soccer and the sport worldwide. The coach must strive constantly to teach good sporting behavior.
- Demands on players' time should never be extensive as to interfere with academic goals and progress. Motivation for excellence should include academics as well as athletics.
- Under no circumstances should coaches authorize or encourage the use of medical or performance enhancing drugs. Players should be directed to see proper medical attention for injuries and to follow physical instructions regarding treatments and recovery. At no time should a player be put at risk by returning from injury prematurely or being forced to play while injured.
- Criticism of officials undermines the purpose in the game. Coaches must always refrain from criticizing officials in the presence of their players.
- Coaches should know and understand the laws of the game and instruct players to play within the law and spirit of the game at all times.
- Coaches should continue their own education in the sport in order to be able educate the player in technical, tactical, and physical and psychological demands of the game for their level.
- Coaches should be sensitive to each child's developmental needs, strive to have each player each his/her full potential and be prepared to move to the next stage of development.
- Coaches must adhere to the player development model that is adopted by the Clarksville Soccer Club. Coaches are responsible for ensuring that their players/teams receive adequate training and are in compliance with the Clarksville Soccer Club's plan and program philosophy and goals.

COACH SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____