



# Folsom Lake Soccer League Coach Code of Conduct

## Recreation Program

Recreation soccer programs focus on the best interest of the youthful participants in an atmosphere of wholesome community participation with an emphasis dedicated to helping children enrich their lives and on becoming good and decent citizens in the community. Folsom Lake Soccer League strives to inspire youthful participants with the fundamental principles of teamwork and fair play, while having a focus on fun.

As a recreation coach for Folsom Lake Soccer League, I agree to the following:

1. I am representing my soccer club, my community, and my team and agree to act accordingly at all times.
2. I will learn and know the laws of the game and the policies of Folsom Lake Soccer League and shall support and uphold them always.
3. I will always remember that my players are involved in recreation soccer for fun and enjoyment, and I will do everything possible to keep the game fun and enjoyable. I am a youth coach and understand that the game is for the children, not the adults. I will never leave a player unattended during practice or games, nor will I be alone with an unrelated child at any time (car, private room, etc).
4. I will demand a sports environment that is free from drugs, alcohol and tobacco and will refrain from their use at all games, exhibitions, practices and events. I will never coach a game or conduct a practice under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
5. I will maintain control of my emotions and avoid actions, language and/or gestures that may be interpreted as hostile or humiliating.
6. I understand that winning is a consideration, but not the only one, nor the most important one. I will place the well-being of every player above my personal desire to win. I will be humble in victory and gracious in defeat.
7. I will take appropriate steps to minimize scoring in runaway games. Refer to Folsom Lake Soccer League's policy on Scoring Differentials.
8. I understand the importance of allowing referees to judge the game. I will let referees judge the game. I will endeavor to instill in my players and my sideline spectators a respect for referees. I understand that my attitude can influence my players and spectators. I will display a controlled, restrained, and sportsmanlike attitude toward referees at all times.
9. I understand that within CalNorth – the governing body for recreation soccer, there is a minimum of 50% playing time per player. If I don't abide by this rule, the referee has the right to dismiss the coach from the game.
10. I will respect the coaches and players of the opposing team before, during, and after the game.
11. I agree to use the member contact information, which I have access to, only for the sole purpose of team related communication. If I have another use for it I agree to get prior approval from a Folsom Lake Soccer League official before making such use. I agree that this information is not to be shared with anyone else for any reason.
12. I agree to use social media responsibly and I understand that the implications of social media use have the potential to affect not only me personally but also Folsom Lake Soccer League and clubs. As a recreation coach this specifically means: (a) I will not engage in social networking of any kind with players and (b) I will not post anything which may be deemed offensive, inappropriate, or could otherwise compromise the integrity of the Folsom Lake Soccer League and clubs.

I acknowledge that this Code of Conduct has been adopted by Folsom Lake Soccer League and agree that if I fail to abide by the aforementioned rules and guidelines, I will be subject to disciplinary action by Folsom Lake Soccer League's and/or Recreation Club's Board of Directors that could include, but is not limited to: (1) Warning, (2) Probation, (3) Game Suspension, (4), Season Suspension, and/or (5) Removal from program.

In the event a situation rises which calls for interpretation, the League and/or Club will take into account the best interest of each athlete, the entire team, the League and/or Club, and the integrity of the soccer game. Board of Directors decisions will be final.

By signing this document, I acknowledge that I have read the Coach Code of Conduct.

Coach Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Coach Name (Printed): \_\_\_\_\_ Age Group Coaching: \_\_\_\_\_