

Section 4.01 Coach's Code of Conduct

- (a) As a coach you are a role model and leader and have significant impact on your athlete's attitudes. Coaches set an example for their players by practicing co-operation, self-discipline and respect for officials and opponents.**
 - (i) Set an example of control and consistency with the players and parents.*
 - (ii) Respect the Laws of the game.*
 - (iii) Discourage intentional rough or violent play or foul language.*
 - (iv) Respect the referees' decisions. Do not ridicule, show disrespect or yell at the referees. Referee abuse is not an acceptable behaviour.*
 - (v) Never ridicule or yell at players for making mistakes or for performing poorly. Players play to have fun and must be encouraged to have confidence in themselves.*
 - (vi) Be generous with praise and set a good example.*
 - (vii) Participants need a coach they can respect.*
 - (viii) Obtain proper training and upgrade coaching skills and knowledge of the game.*
 - (ix) Be on time and prepared for games and practices.*
 - (x) Win and lose with both grace and dignity.*
 - (xi) Communicate your plans/expectations to players and parents.*

Section 4.02 The Role and Scope of the Coach

(This may not represent the process of all clubs)

- (a) Present to your club President a current Police background check. This document can not be any older than 2 years from the end of the current season.**
- (b) Make sure all equipment is ready and usable for 1st practice. You should be looking for;**
 - (i) Properly inflated balls,*
 - (ii) A First Aid kit,*
 - (iii) Team uniforms including a goalie shirt,*
 - (iv) Goalie gloves, and*
 - (v) Rules*
- (c) Call all parents at least a few days before practice to make sure they know where your practices will be held and the times. (a website will be available as well for parents to reference)**
- (d) At your first or second practice you should be confirming the following with your players' families;**
 - (i) Any health issue of the player*
 - (ii) Contact emails, and phone numbers of the parents*
 - (iii) Make the parents aware of*
 - 1) The website – showing the schedule
 - 2) The yearend tournament dates
 - 3) Snack schedule if you choose to do one (no snacks are permitted at halftime)
 - (iv) Provide them with your contact info*
 - (v) Provide them with your team rules (example how soon before a game do you want your team there)*
 - (vi) See if any parent will help you out if needed*
- (e) All teams should be present at the scheduled game a minimum of 15mins before the start of the game.**
- (f) The Home team is responsible to supply the game sheet for that game. They should bring it with their side already completed.**
- (g) The game sheets need to be presented to the visiting team before the start of the game.**
- (h) The referee is to view the completed game sheet at the coach's pregame meeting at centre.**
- (i) The Pre-game meeting between the referee and the two coaches is very important. You need to ask any questions that you may have before the start of the game.**
- (j) The Home team is to keep score on the game sheet.**

- (k) Please remain on your own side of half while coaching the game.**
- (l) Refer to the code of conduct.**
- (m) If there is an issue that occurs during a game, please let the referee do his or her job and continue the game. You have the right to protest anything that you feel you must. The protest must be put in writing. You must include a copy of your game sheet, and submit your protest with the game sheet to your club contact.**
- (n) If you have just general inquiries after a game, please contact you club contact, or the league's contact.**
- (o) If your player gets a red/yellow card, make sure you record everything and send the information to your area rep who will make sure they have it in their records in case Disciplinary hearings come up. The ref will do his part as well, but you need to record things so you remember what happened. If a Disciplinary hearing is called, The following will be required to attend; the coach, the player, the player's parent (s), an executive from the player's club, and the referee involved. Document everything.**
- (p) At the completion of a game, the referee, and both coaches are to sign off on the game sheets, and each take a copy for their records.**
- (q) All game scores are to be recorded as outlined by each club.**
- (r) If games or practices have to be cancelled, it is your responsibility to make sure ALL players and parents know when the make-up date will be.**
- (s) Coaches are responsible for the parents and players of their team when in the vicinity of the field.**

Section 4.03 Qualifications for a Coach

- (a) Provide a Police back ground check. This applies for anyone affiliated with a team.**
- (b) For the recreation teams, it is not required that a coach has any specific qualifications.**
- (c) For the Select teams playing within the NPSL, it is not required that a coach has any specific qualifications.**
- (d) Coaches are required to set one day aside to attend a clinic, and information session provided by your Club in conjunction with the NPSL.**
- (e) A Club has the right to ask for more than what is described here.**
- (f) Coaches coaching outside of the NPSL are required to reach the requirements of a Coach related to what it is that they will be coaching.**
- (g) Recommend that a coach be 5 years the senior of the team they wish to coach. (this can will be left up to the discretion of each club)**