



Southwest United Coach Code of Conduct

1. I will always remember that players participate for pleasure and because they want to.
2. I will follow the objectives of the LTPD model.
3. I will never ridicule or yell at players for making a mistake or not winning.
4. I will be considerate and reasonable in my demands on players' time, energy and enthusiasm as sport is only one part of their busy lives.
5. I will always ensure that the time players spend with me as coach is a positive experience.
6. I will display control, respect and professionalism to all involved within the sport. This includes my players, opponents, coaches, officials, administrators, the media, parents and other spectators. I will encourage my players and their parents to do the same. I will be a good sport and great role model.
7. I will abstain from the use of alcohol, controlled substances, tobacco or activities inappropriate for the age during and leading up to the times I am directly responsible for players.
8. I will always show concern toward sick and injured players. I will follow the advice of a trained medical trainer when determining whether an injured child is ready to recommence training and competition.
9. Any physical contact with a player shall be:
 - a. appropriate to the situation
 - b. necessary for the player's skill development or medical care
 - c. only in the presence of another team official, referee, player's parents or designate.
10. Where appropriate, I will obtain qualifications and keep up to date with the latest coaching practices.
11. I will not use texting, emails, nor any other social media platform to harass or criticize participants, officials, or administrators in this sport, and I will report to my club any incidents of this nature from others.

12. I will be courteous and will respect the rights of all participants regardless of their gender, ability, sexual orientation, cultural background or religion.
13. I will not take pictures or video of any child unless it is specifically related to my job. Any images or video taken will remain with Southwest United and will be used in any personal capacity.
14. I recognize that inappropriate behaviour will not be tolerated, especially as it relates to the well-being of the children involved with SWU. I will report all potentially illegal or inappropriate behaviour or incidents, including but not limited to suspected child abuse, people intimidating or threatening a child, or any other incidents that I become aware of, whether they were personally witnessed or reported to me by someone else, to the police and/or child welfare, and to the SWU Vice President, Stan Wongus, at vicepresident@swu.ca. If I am not sure whether an incident involves anything illegal or inappropriate I will contact our Club Vice President who will support me through the process.
15. I will comply with all EMSA rules, regulations and policies.
16. I understand that failure to adhere to any of these items will result in my immediate suspension from the club while an investigation occurs and a determination is made what, if any, formal or other disciplinary action is required.