

## **Wellesley United Soccer Club Coaching Agreement**

Wellesley United Soccer Club (WUSC) thanks you for your time and commitment to our youth soccer players. As part of your role it is important that we set expectations and work with you on a common set of expectations. WUSC has the following principles we want our club to adopt on all teams (stratified, balanced, all age groups). Please read over and sign below.

- The game of soccer belongs to the players. The number one concern for all coaches is the holistic development, welfare, enjoyment and safety of all of their players.
- Ensure that all players receive near equal or comparable playing time during games both in league play and at tournaments. Game situations may dictate slight deviations but in general, each player should expect to play at least half of every game. WUSC strongly encourages equal playing time. Note that this does not pertain to situation with injuries or special circumstances when coaches should use their best judgment.
- Coaches bear responsibility for teaching their players to strive for success while playing fairly, observing the Laws of the Game and the highest levels of sportsmanship.
- Coaches shall treat officials with respect and dignity, and shall teach their players to do the same.
- Our opponents are worthy of being treated with respect. Coaches will provide model behavior showing respect for opponents and expect their players to do likewise.
- In both victory and defeat, the behavior of a coach shall model grace, dignity and composure.
- Coaches shall adhere to the highest standards and the regulations of the institutions they represent: Wellesley United Soccer Club, BAYS league and the BAYS Zero Tolerance Policy.
- Coaches shall model inclusive behavior, actively supporting cultural diversity while opposing all types of bullying and discrimination, including, but not limited to, racism and sexism, at all levels of soccer.
- Coaches shall refrain from all manner of personal abuse and harassment of others, whether verbal, physical, emotional or sexual, and shall oppose such abuse, bullying and harassment at all levels of soccer.
- Coaches shall seek to honor those who uphold the highest standards and principles of soccer and shall use appropriate protocol to oppose and eliminate all behavior that brings disrepute to the sport - violence, abuse, dishonesty, disrespect and violations of the Laws of the Game and rules governing competition.
- Coaches are responsible for the conduct of the parents of your players. Encourage them to applaud and cheer for both teams taking part in the game. Discourage them from yelling instructions to players and from yelling at the referees and opposing parents and players.
- As a WUSC coach, I will follow the curriculum set forth by the Director of Coaching and adapt these session for the betterment and development of the players that I coach.

I will remember that as a Coach, I represent WUSC and the community. I understand poor behavior during practices, games, or tournaments may result in disciplinary actions, including game suspensions. Adherence to the WUSC Coaching Agreement and the Guideline for Coach's document is a strong criteria for future coach selections.

**I pledge to accept responsibility for my actions during my time with WUSC by following the Coaching Agreement:**

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_