



Purpose

This code of conduct has been developed by SELCRA to clarify and distinguish approved and accepted professional, ethical and moral behavior from that which is detrimental to the development of children within the SELCRA programs.

Policy

Coaching/Volunteering is a privilege offered and granted to individuals who perform capably during SELCRA sanctioned and affiliated activities. It carries with it an obligation for each individual coach to uphold and promote the stated goals and objectives. Any conduct considered unethical or a conflict of interest shall be subject to discipline by SELCRA.

Article I – Responsibilities to Players

- The coach shall never place the value of winning over the safety and welfare of players.
- 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 shall not tolerate inappropriate behavior from players regardless of the situation.
- Coaches shall direct players to seek proper medical attention for injuries and to follow the physician's instructions regarding treatment and recovery. A concussion video must be watched and a form signed.

Article II – Responsibility to the SELCRA

- Adherence to all SELCRA rules and policies. It is the responsibility of each coach to know and understand these rules.
- Any problems that cannot be resolved between coaches should be referred to the appropriate SELCRA staff member.

Article III – Responsibilities to the Laws of the Game

- Coaches shall be thoroughly acquainted with and demonstrate a working knowledge of the Rules of the Game.
- Coaches are responsible to assure their players understand the intent as well as the application of the Rules.
- Coaches must adhere to the letter and spirit of the Laws of the Game.
- Coaches are responsible for their players' actions on the field and must not permit them to perform with intent of causing injury to opposing players.
- The coach must constantly strive to teach good sporting behavior.

Article IV – Responsibility to Officials

- Officials must have the support of coaches, players and spectators. Coaches must always refrain from criticizing officials in the presence of players or spectators.
- Professional respect, before, during and after the game must be mutual. There must be no demeaning dialogue or gestures between official, coach or player.
- Coaches must not incite players or spectators or attempt to disrupt the flow of the game.
- Comments regarding an official should be made in writing to the SELCRA.

Article V – Other Responsibilities

- The behavior of coaches must be such as to bring credit to themselves and SELCRA.
- While the concept of rivalry is wholly embraced, it cannot take precedence over exemplary professional conduct.
- The attitude and conduct of the coach towards officials, players, spectators and coaches must be controlled and undemonstrative.
- It is unacceptable for a coach to have any verbal altercation with an official, opposing coach or bench before, during or after the game. There will be zero tolerance for profanity. Coaches, officials, parents will be dismissed.
- Coaches must use their influence on spectators that demonstrate intimidating and/or unacceptable behavior towards officials, player(s) and opposing team members.

I understand that should I breach this code of ethics that I am permitting the SELCRA to remove me from current and future coaching positions.