

# **Delaware County Futbol Club Code of Conduct**

Delaware County Futbol Club strives for excellence in soccer and actively pursues the highest standards of behavior and sportsmanship. In order to ensure a safe and fun learning environment at DCFC, we ask players, parents, and coaches to sign and abide by the following Code of Conduct.

## **DCFC Coach Code of Conduct**

As a DCFC coach I will:

- show respect to others involved in the game including match officials, opposition players, coaches, managers, officials, and spectators
- adhere to the Laws of the Game and teach them to my players
- be a role model to others; display and promote high standards of behavior
- always respect the match officials' decisions
- never enter the field of play without the referee's permission
- never engage in public criticism of the match officials
- never engage in, or tolerate, offensive, insulting or abusive language/behavior.
- strive to become a better coach through coaches' education programs
- review and practice basic first-aid principles needed to treat injuries to my players

When working with players, I will:

- place the well-being, safety and enjoyment of each player above everything, including winning
- provide a drug free soccer environment (inc. cigarettes and alcohol)
- lead by example in demonstrating fair play and sportsmanship
- seek to develop mutual trust and respect and increase players' self-esteem
- absolutely refrain from, and refuse to tolerate, any form of bullying
- encourage players to accept responsibility for their own behavior and performance
- ensure all activities are appropriate for the players' ability level, experience, age and maturity
- respect and co-operate with others in DCFC and the wider soccer community (e.g. officials, doctors, physiotherapists, welfare officers) for each player's best interests

I understand that if I do not follow the code, any/all of the following actions may be taken by DCFC or Indiana Youth Soccer:

I may be:

- issued with a verbal warning from a club or league official
- required to meet with the club and/or Indiana Youth Soccer

- obliged to leave the practice/match venue by the club
- requested by the club not to attend future practices/games
- suspended or have my club membership removed
- required to leave the club.

In addition:

- Indiana Youth Soccer could impose a fine or suspension against DCFC