

Coach Code of Conduct

As a leader and coach in the Burke Athletic Club (BAC), I understand the importance of the role I play in the lives of my players, and will ensure that my conduct sets the proper example for other coaches, team members and spectators. I accept the great responsibility this places on me and I accept the following code of conduct:

- 0 I will promote growth and development in a positive and supportive manner. I will nurture good sportsmanship and fair play by teaching and personally demonstrating my commitment to these virtues.
- 0 I will not verbally, physically, or psychologically abuse any player, referee, coach, parent, spectator, or BAC official, even in jest.
- 0 I will not use alcohol, drugs, or tobacco products during any game or practice or at any facility where such use is prohibited by statute, or by regulations of the facility owner.
- 0 I will not use profanity at any youth, parent, coach, referee, or BAC official.
- 0 I will teach and demonstrate respect for the *Laws of the Game* (located at { HYPERLINK "http://www.fifa.com" }). I will insist on the highest respect for soccer officials by players, parents, and fans. I will refrain from questioning official decisions, especially in a disrespectful or abusive manner. I understand that dissent and negative commentary is contrary to the *Laws of the Game* and that criticism of officials could destroy the game.
- 0 I will follow field/facility rules and regulations, respecting at all times the property of others. I will abide by BAC's rules and procedures.
- 0 I understand I am responsible for the behavior of my teams' other coaches, players, parents and fans at the league games and practices. I will ensure that team spectators conduct themselves with sportsmanship and maturity while in attendance at game and practice site and assist the game officials in maintaining control of spectators.
- 0 I will respect the players on my team and on other teams. I understand that soccer is merely a game and those players and coaches on other teams are my opponents, not my enemies. I will teach my team to appreciate how the variety and diversity of players in our League makes our experience richer and more rewarding. I will demonstrate appropriate gestures of sportsmanship at the conclusion of a game. Be humble and generous in victory and proud and courteous in defeat.
- 0 I understand that if I violate this Code of Conduct, club or league policies or procedures, or Federal, State or local laws, ordinances or rules, I may be subject to probation, suspension, dismissal or denial of all club related and coaching privileges with BAC or other disciplinary action deemed appropriate by the Board of Directors, their designees, or other appropriate governing body within the organization. I also accept responsibility for any fines or sanctions that may be imposed by any government authority for violation of its laws, ordinances or rules, which are a result of my failure to honor this Code of Conduct.

Signature (Coach)

Date

Printed Name of Person Signing Above