

Black Watch Soccer Club, Tampa, FL

Coaches Code of Conduct

BLACKWATCH SOCCER CLUB COACHES CODE OF CONDUCT

Members of Blackwatch Soccer Club Coaches Association are required to abide by the code of conduct set out below.

1. Coaches must respect the rights, dignity and worth of each and every person and treat each equally within the context of the sport.
2. Coaches must place the well-being and safety of each player above all other considerations, including the development of performance.
3. Coaches must adhere to all guidelines and rules laid down by The United States Soccer Association, FIFA, FYSA, GYSA-USA or other governing body where applicable.
4. Coaches must develop an appropriate working relationship with each player and peer Coach based on mutual trust and respect.
5. Coaches must not exert undue influence to obtain personal benefit or reward.
6. Coaches must encourage and guide players to accept responsibility for their own behavior and performance.
7. Coaches must ensure that the activities they direct or advocate are appropriate for the age, maturity, experience and ability of players.
8. Coaches should, at the outset, clarify with the player (and, where appropriate, their parents) exactly what is expected of them and also what they are entitled to expect from their coach.
9. Coaches must cooperate fully with other specialists (e.g., other coaches, officials, sports scientists, doctors, physiotherapists and Board Members) in the best interests of the player.
10. Coaches must always promote the positive aspects of the sport (eg, fair play) and never condone violations of the Laws of the Game, behavior contrary to the spirit of the Laws of the Game or relevant rules and regulations or the use of prohibited substances or techniques.
11. Coaches must consistently display high standards of behavior and appearance. This includes behavioral standards away from the field and club. Maintain an ethical lifestyle acceptable to the norm.
12. Coaches must thoroughly acquaint themselves with the rules of soccer. They are also responsible for assuring their players understand the intent and application of the rules.
13. Impartial, competent officials are essential for the success of any competition. Coaches must not criticize officials publicly or privately and must follow institutional, conference or organizational rules dealing with comments on officiating
14. Coaches must not make derogatory or misleading comments to the media about officials, opposing teams and coaches, other Blackwatch teams, players or coaches, spectators, parents or other institutions.
15. Coaches must perform their duties on the basis of careful preparation, ensuring their instruction is current and accurate. Coaches must continually seek new opportunities for professional development and education. USSF Licensing programs should be taken and passed (Standards will be put in place for this for U15 and older). Coaches must remain current on health, safety and training developments relevant to the sport of soccer.
16. Coaches must not contact, borrow, train, coach or otherwise entice a player not registered on their team without the express permission of that players head coach or in his absence, assistant or manager. This applies to Blackwatch teams and other teams outside Blackwatch.
17. A coach's behavior and values must bring credit to his/her program, Blackwatch Soccer club and the sport of soccer.
18. Any arrest, charge or violation of law in any State must be immediately brought to the attention of the board

Any breach of any provision(s) of this Code of Conduct by a member of the Coaching staff shall constitute a breach of the Rules of the club pursuant to the by laws and shall be dealt with under the procedures as set out in the by laws.