

Coaches' Code of Conduct

Part of Pittsburgh Dynamo's mission is to provide a soccer experience that is appropriate for each child's age, skill, and level of enthusiasm. Dynamo and its volunteer coaches must work together to ensure that every player has a positive experience when participating in Dynamo soccer. Dynamo believes that coaches have a responsibility to inspire our children through the fundamental principles of teamwork and fair play, while focusing on the fun of soccer. In line with this purpose statement, Pittsburgh Dynamo requires all coaches and assistant coaches to sign this Code of Conduct prior to their participation as recreational coaches with Dynamo. The Coaches' Code of Conduct shall state the following:

1. I understand the importance of providing a positive experience and environment for the players.

As a coach, I understand that Pittsburgh Dynamo has given me the privilege and primary responsibility for developing players. I will strive to ensure that the players have a positive soccer experience. I will teach my players basic skills, techniques, and strategies, and I will give all my players the opportunity to improve their skills, gain confidence, and develop self-esteem at practice and in games. I will arrive on time to practices and games.

I have a responsibility and duty to let players "play the game" and for this, I set the tone. I will limit my coaching during games and let the referees teach the game. General positive cheers such as "Go Blue" are encouraged. I will stress that spectators not shout out to players or referees but instead can offer positive encouragement for all players after good plays.

2. I understand that soccer is more than the scoreboard.

I understand that scoring goals is not nearly as important as the safety and skill development of all of my players. I recognize that part of the Pittsburgh Dynamo recreational league philosophy is not to keep score or maintain a record of wins or losses.

3. I understand my role as a coach when it comes to opposing teams.

I understand that I represent Pittsburgh Dynamo and the community at large. I will demonstrate good sportsmanship at all times. At the end of each game, my players and I will give our opponents a handshake and say "good game."

4. I understand the importance of allowing referees to officiate the game.

I will work side by side with the referees to instill in my players and the sideline spectators a respect for the game. I will support the referees at all times during the game as they teach the rules and spirit of the game to the players.

5. I will abide by the Pittsburgh Dynamo philosophy and rules of the game.

I understand that I am responsible for understanding and competing within the letter and the spirit of the rules of the game. I will teach my players to do so as well. I will never, knowingly or intentionally, violate any provision of rules and guidelines established by Pittsburgh Dynamo.

6. Discipline

If I fail to comply with this Dynamo Coaches' Code of Conduct Agreement, or any other rules or regulations enacted by Dynamo, I agree and understand that I am subject to the feedback and requests of the Dynamo Recreation League Commissioner.

By signing this document, I acknowledge that I have read and agree to this Coaches' Code of Conduct.

Coach Signature: _____ Date: _____

Coach Name (Printed) _____