



## Ottawa International Soccer Club Coaching Code of Conduct – Coaches

The coaching staff and officials of the Ottawa Internationals Soccer Club (OISC) understand that children participate in soccer to improve their soccer skills, make friends, attain and maintain their physical fitness and to have fun with their peers in a player friendly environment. Coaches are expected to act in a responsible manner to ensure that participation in soccer activities within the OISC is both enjoyable and productive. The following Code of Conduct will help ensure that coaches put the players and club above self interests while coaching OISC teams. A coach's primary responsibility is to make sure that his/her players have fun, develop as footballers and to instill in them a passion for the game. The performance of coaches is not measured in wins and losses, but rather in what players learn in terms of technique, sportsmanship, and fair play. Coaches are charged with the responsibility of controlling their players and parents at all times during a match. Coaches lead and teach by example; our players will be a reflection upon the club, players, manager and coach.

By accepting a position as a coach with the Ottawa Internationals Soccer Club I agree to abide by the following Code of Conduct. I also understand that failure to do so may result in immediate dismissal or suspension of the coach by the OISC executive or Club Head Coach.

As a coach with the OISC I:

1. Will treat all players fairly and without discrimination of any kind or for any reason.
2. Will treat all of my players, parents, club officials, spectators and visitors with respect at all times.
3. Will not verbally or physically abuse any referee or assistant referee.
4. Will give my team and my players the full extent of my coaching abilities at all times.
5. Will treat all visiting teams and team officials with respect.
6. Will abide by all of the referees' decisions regardless of whether I agree or not.
7. Will be a Role Model for my players at all times.
8. Will maintain team discipline to the best of my ability at all times.
9. Will treat the OISC club executives and staff with respect at all times.
10. Will take any disputes with club executives or staff directly to the club executives or staff concerned. If there is a conflict of interest then I will take my dispute to the next higher authority (EODSA/OSA/CSA) as appropriate.
11. Will not engage in any dispute with parents but will contact the appropriate vice-president, club head coach or other club authority immediately for assistance and guidance.
12. Will not engage in electronic (emails, facebook, blogs etc.) transmissions of any kind in discussing club or team matters except to offer praise.
13. Will encourage my players to respect the play of their opponents.
14. Will teach my players "Fair Play".
15. Will not have any discussion about a player with the player present.
16. Will not run up the score (double digits) against opponents for any reason other than it must realistically affect team standings such as in tournaments.
17. Will teach my players not to cheat in any aspect of the game.
18. Will ensure that all players get adequate playing time as dictated by club policy.
19. Will ensure that I am prepared for all practices and games.
20. Will notify the appropriate club authority of any situation that I feel may cause embarrassment to my team, the OISC or club authorities.
21. Will support all club sponsored programs (Fall, Winter, Spring, etc.).
22. Will abide by directions issued by the club officials and staff.
23. Will attend all club sponsored coaches training and meetings.
24. Will do everything in my power to portray a positive image of the OISC.

These Codes of Conduct have been approved by the Ottawa Internationals Soccer Club. Any violation of these codes may be grounds for suspension or expulsion from a team or the club.