

# **Cincinnati United Soccer Club**

## **Coaches Code of Conduct**

As an organization committed to teaching and enjoyment of youth soccer, the Cincinnati United Soccer Club seeks to promote the highest possible standards of professionalism, sportsmanship and ethical conduct among its coaching staff. Each Head and Assistant Coach and trainer is required to demonstrate the actions specified in this Coaches Code of Conduct while engaging in all activities related to CU/CUP.

### **Team & Player Development**

- Establish and implement team rules and policies that give primary consideration to the interests of all players on the team.
- Provide clear communication to players and parents regarding team schedules, requirements, expectations and discipline policies.
- Provide appropriate, timely and proactive communications to players and parents regarding individual player progress and developmental needs.
- Engage in ongoing communication with the Directors of Coaching and other CU/CUP coaches regarding training methods and individual player developmental needs and opportunities.
- Prepare and lead training sessions that are fun and instructive.
- Attend practices and games. If unavailable, ensure that a suitable substitute has been arranged for and is properly briefed.
- Prepare for each game by creating a strategy suitable for the players' abilities and the opponent.
- Motivate and teach with positive reinforcement. Encourage clean, skillful and sportsmanlike play. Minimize coaching from the touchlines.
- Balance the desire to win with providing all players the opportunity to appropriately play and contribute.
- Give utmost consideration to player safety in all activities.
- Be knowledgeable and educate players in the letter, spirit and application of the Laws of the Game.

### **Sportsmanship & Personal Conduct**

- Encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating respect for all players, opponents, coaches, parents and officials.
- Promote a climate of enjoyment among parents and spectators.
- Refrain from profane or abusive language and from the use of alcohol or tobacco when in the presence of players and parents.

### **Club & League Policies**

- Observe and apply the rules and policies of the Cincinnati United Soccer Club.
- Actively promote and participate in club tryouts.
- Utilize facilities and equipment in accordance with club guidelines and procedures.
- Report to appropriate CU staff or board member any perceived misconduct by a coach, player, parent or official.
- Promote the mission and activities of the Cincinnati United Soccer Club throughout the greater soccer community.
- Seek out opportunities for continuing coaching education and licensing.

- Adhere to the letter and spirit of rules established by US Youth Soccer Association, Ohio South Youth Soccer Association and all affiliated leagues and tournaments.

**Disciplinary Action**

Reported violations of this Code of Conduct may be investigated by appropriate Staff or Board members. Resulting disciplinary actions may include probation, suspension or expulsion from current and future club activities. All disciplinary actions will be in accordance with the rules of the Ohio South Youth Soccer Association.

I have read and understand the Coach’s Code of Conduct and agree to abide by its letter and the spirit in my responsibilities as a CU/CUP Coach.

**Print Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_