



## **House League Coach Roles and Responsibilities**

### **HEAD COACH AND ASSISTANT COACH ROLES:**

- Each team generally has 2 coaches, a head coach and an assistant coach. The head coach is the main contact with WMSC Administration.
- The assistant coach supports the head coach at practices and games throughout the season and fills in for the coach as necessary.
- Both coaches lead their teams in practices, activities and games to teach the basics of soccer and enjoyment of the beautiful game.
- Both coaches support positive coaching values, provide the opportunity for skill improvement for players of varied ability on their team, and encourage good sportsmanship.
- **It is important for all coaches to ensure that all players are having fun whilst fostering a love of the game.**

### **RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- Once the head coach receives his or her player roster, they should be in contact with their players to introduce themselves as the coach for the season
- Ensure that all players on their team receive their team uniform prior to the first scheduled practice or game, please do not leave this to the first scheduled practice or game
- Attend coach education sessions provided by WMSC Technical Staff
- Show respect to others involved in the game including match officials, opposition players, coaches, Skills Instructors, Club staff and spectators
- Adhere to the Laws of the Game specified by WMSC
- Always respect the match officials' decisions
- Zero tolerance for offensive, insulting or abusive language or behavior or physical threats
- Never enter the field of play without the referee's permission
- Refrain from public criticism of the match officials
- Treat all players the same way that you would like your own son or daughter treated
- Refer any complaints or issues to WMSC Administrator immediately.
- Contact the WMSC Technical Staff with any technical questions
- **Communicate** messages to the team on an as-needed basis, by email (PowerUp), phone or text. All emails to the team may be viewed by administration.

### **WHEN WORKING WITH PLAYERS, THE COACH WILL:**

- Place the well-being, safety and enjoyment of each player above everything, including winning
- Explain exactly what they expect of players and what the players can expect of them
- Ensure the parents/guardians of all players understand these expectations
- Refrain from, and refuse to tolerate, any form of bullying
- Develop mutual trust and respect with all players to build their self-esteem
- Encourage the players to accept responsibility for their own behavior and performance
- Ensure all activities that are organized are appropriate for the players' ability level, experience, age and maturity
- Teach players to act fairly and respect the rules, referees and our opponents
- Be selective in the amount of instructions they give players during the game. Ask the players questions rather than "telling" the players
- Be responsible for ensuring that substitute players, bench personnel and the team's spectators do not interfere with the game
- Make sure that equipment/facilities are safe
- Not ridicule or yell at players for making mistakes or for performing poorly
- Deliver age and stage appropriate curriculum provided by WMSC
- Inform parents of any injuries their children might have suffered
- Ensure all players are placed in an environment that allows them to participate in a safe and fun environment