

Fair Haven Recreation Soccer Coaches Code of Conduct

Fair Haven Recreation encourages and promotes good sportsmanship in youth sports. Coaches and referees represent Fair Haven and are expected to set the finest example for the youth of the Borough. Fair Haven coaches and referees must maintain a reputation for honesty and integrity in order to keep the trust and confidence of the public. To sustain this reputation, all coaches and referees must conduct themselves according to the highest standards. This code of conduct stipulates the policy on the behavior of coaches, assistants, referees and recreation personnel.

- ◆ I hereby pledge to live up to my certification as coach by following the code of ethics and will abide by the policies, rules and regulations established by Fair Haven Recreation Soccer
- I will attend and complete the mandated Rutgers S.A.F.E.T.Y. Clinic
- I will be a role model, teach children by example; and treat each player, opposing coach, official, parent and administrator with respect, dignity and understanding. I will demonstrate representative behavior at all times
- I will not use obscene or vulgar language at any time, including swearing, even if it is not directed towards a particular person
- I will not publicly question or criticize the sports officials' judgement and encourage my team's parents and players to do the same. I will exhibit respect for the officials
- I will support all efforts to encourage fundamentals, fair play and sportsmanship by gaining an understanding and appreciation for the rules of soccer. I will immediately address problems associated with wrongful acts by players and tell them that such behavior is unacceptable
- I will teach participants healthy and fair competition, to try their hardest, to congratulate the winners if they lose and to accept victory gracefully if they win
- I will conduct my practices and games so that all players have an opportunity to improve their skill level through active participation
- During practice sessions and games I will not leave a child unattended. I will wait until all players are in parental care
- No alcoholic beverages and or illegal drugs will be permitted prior to, during or after any Fair Haven Recreation sponsored event
- I will place the emotional and physical well being of my players ahead of any personal desire to win
- I will remember that I am a youth coach, and that the game is for the youth of Fair Haven, not adults
- I will take part in pre-season and post season activities that are required of me in my position as coach or referee
- I will live up to the high standard of sportsmanship and teach my participants the same

As a Fair Haven Recreation Soccer Coach and/or Referee, I acknowledge and agree to the established Code of Conduct and understand that volunteering is a privilege and not a right. I understand that adherence to the above code by all coaches and referee's is the only sure way that Fair Haven Recreation Soccer can maintain the confidence and support of the public.