

Webster Area Soccer Association (WASA)- Coaches Code of Conduct

- Always keep the best interest and wellbeing of the player/child as the highest priority.
- In both victory and defeat, the behavior of the Coach shall model grace, dignity and composure.
- Treat referees with respect; no yelling/abusing the referee. Adhere to WASA's Zero Tolerance Policy. (see appendix on back)
- Stress fair play and good sportsmanship whether winning or losing. During the game you are responsible for the sportsmanship of your players. If one of your players is disrespectful, irresponsible, or overly aggressive, take the player out of the game long enough that they calm down and understand that behavior is not tolerated.
- During the game you are responsible for the conduct of the parents/guardian of your players. Explain acceptable player and parent/guardian behavior at preseason meeting. Encourage them to cheer and applaud good plays by either team.
- Coaches shall not consume alcohol or use tobacco or drugs at any sporting event that they are coaching at for WASA.
- LEDGE behaviors (Leadership, Excellence, Discipline, Grit & Enjoyment).

Coach Signature

Date

Appendix — Zero Tolerance Policy

All individuals responsible for a team and all spectators shall support the referee. Failure to do so will undermine the referee's authority and has the potential of creating a hostile environment for the players, the referee, and all the other participants and spectators. Consequently, WASA has adopted the following rule:

1. No one, except the team captain, is to speak to the referee during or after the game. Exceptions: Coaches may ask questions before the game, call for substitutions and point out emergencies during the game, or respond to the referee if addressed.
2. Absolutely no disputing calls, during or after the game, no remarks to the referee to watch certain players or attend to rough play. NO YELLING at the referee, EVER, and no criticism, sarcasm, harassment, intimidation, or feedback of any kind during or after the game.
3. Violators at WASA games may be ejected and are subject to disciplinary action by the WASA Board.
4. If coaches have questions regarding particular calls, rules, or a referee, or wish to give feedback regarding a referee, please contact WASA's referee coordinator.