

Michigan Elite Football Club Coaching Ethics and Regulations

The coach must be aware that he can be either a positive or a negative influence upon the development of the athlete. In all of his personal contacts with athletes, officials, parents, the media, and the public, the coach shall strive to set an example of the highest ethical and moral conduct. In keeping with that goal, the following ethical guidelines should be observed by all MEFC coaches:

- A. The coach shall never place the value of winning above the value of instilling the highest desirable ideals of character.
- B. The coach must always consider the personal safety of the athletes, first.
- C. The coach shall be thoroughly acquainted with the rules and regulations of competition, and shall be responsible for their interpretation to team members. The coach shall not try to seek an advantage by circumventing the spirit or letter of the rules.
- D. Game/camp officials shall have the respect and support of the coach. The coach shall not indulge in conduct which will incite the players or spectators against the officials. Public criticism of the officials or players are unethical.
- E. The coach should respect his opponents, display gracious behavior during competition and require his players to conduct themselves in similar fashion. Before and after the contest, rival coaches should meet and exchange friendly greetings to set the correct tone for the event.
- F. Coaches shall actively use their influence to enhance sportsmanship by players and spectators.
- G. The coach shall take an active role in the prevention of drug, alcohol and tobacco abuse, and shall, under no circumstances authorize their use.
- H. The coach must recognize the importance of the athlete's academic development and promote the proper balance between athletic and academic activities.
- I. The coach shall not request or accept any special consideration, favors, or gifts from, or lobby on the behalf of any interscholastic or collegiate institution. This includes special consideration, favors, or gifts from its employees, alumni, donors, sponsors, volunteers, coaches, supporters, parents, or administrators, in efforts to persuade an athlete to attend a specific or any other interscholastic or collegiate institution.
- J. Coaches must always follow the dress code for all events. Khaki pants/shorts, camp issued shirts, and athletic shoes.
- K. MEFC Coaches are prohibited to train or coach with other competing 7v7 clubs, football training or developmental organizations during the MEFC calendar year.

By signing this statement you agree and will abide by all MEFC regulations and Coaches Code of Ethics. Any coach in violation of the MEFC Coaches Code of Ethics is subject to immediate disciplinary action or ban from MEFC.

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Print Name: _____