



DC-CRU Soccer Coach Statement of Understanding

As a youth soccer coach in the DC-CRU Soccer Club, I understand and acknowledge the responsibilities, expectations, and standards set forth by the league, the club, and the governing bodies of youth soccer. By signing this document, I agree to the following:

1. Player Development and Safety

- I will prioritize the spiritual, physical, mental, and emotional well-being of all players.
- The boys program will meet collectively as a club either at the beginning or end of each practice so the Director can pass along important information and to create a unified environment within the club.
- I will create a safe, inclusive, and supportive environment that promotes growth, learning, and enjoyment of the game.
- I will follow all safety protocols and ensure players are properly equipped and conditioned.

2. Coaching Conduct

- I will demonstrate good sportsmanship and serve as a positive role model for players, parents, and spectators.
- I will communicate respectfully with players, parents, referees, and other coaches.
- The Coach agrees to maintain open and regular communication with organizational leaders within the DC- CRU Soccer Club, Parents, and fellow volunteers in a timely and professional manner throughout the season.
- I will not tolerate or engage in any form of abuse, harassment, or discrimination.

3. Commitment and Accountability

- I will attend all scheduled games, practices, and meetings unless unforeseen circumstances arise, and proper notice is given.
- I will hold myself accountable to league rules, club policies, and the expectations of my role.
- I will hold myself, my players and the team parents/guardians accountable to all DC-CRU Soccer club rules/policies, league rules, and team expectations by making sure that all conduct during practice and games aligns with the expectations outlined in the DC-CRU Soccer Club Policy Guide.

4. Development over Winning

- I recognize that while competition is a part of the experience, the primary goal is player development, both on and off the field.
- I will make playing time decisions based on effort, attitude, skill, and team needs, while striving to give every player meaningful development opportunities.

5. Guest Players

- If guest players are needed, you must first try to utilize a DC-CRU player first. If a DC-CRU player is not available and you must use an external player to the DC-CRU soccer club, the Director must give consent. External players are only permitted in emergencies and cannot be regular/recurring. Our priority is to develop and play with internal players only.

6. Scrimmages

- Scrimmages with other soccer clubs are highly discouraged. Scrimmages with other soccer clubs will not be permitted to take place on DC-CRU home fields. Only MVYSA sanctioned/scheduled games will be permitted to be hosted on DC-CRU home fields. If a scrimmage is desired, it must be on the opposing team's field. The Director and DC-CRU Soccer club will not assist with field and/or referee scheduling or covering any fees associated with the scrimmage.

7. Special Events/Assisting the Director

- Whenever special events come up (tryouts, FC-Cincinnati club games, end of season celebrations, tournament registration, etc.) coach participation is expected to help set up and/or complete with the Director as needed. The

Director will communicate with coaches what is needed from them and the deadline.

8. League Rules and Compliance

- I have read and understand the league's rules, code of conduct, and disciplinary procedures.
- I will abide by all league, club, and governing body regulations, including those related to game conduct, player eligibility, and tournament participation.
- By agreeing to be a coach you acknowledge the necessity of completing the minimum standard requirements set forth by the Ohio Soccer Association (OSA) and Miami Valley Youth Soccer Association (MVYSA). For OSA coaches licensing requirements please refer to your GotSport profile under "requirements" and see Section 2.4 of the MVYSA Rules for MVYSA licensing requirements.
- I understand that failure to comply may result in disciplinary action, including suspension or removal from my coaching role.

By signing below, I affirm that I have read and understand the above expectations and agree to fulfill my responsibilities as a coach in the DC-CRU Soccer Club.

Coach Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____