

**Geneseo Soccer Club**  
**Coaches Code of Conduct**

*Rules Regarding Players*

1. Soccer belongs to the players. Always put the welfare of the game and the players above your own personal gain.
2. Encourage your players to demonstrate good sportsmanship.
3. Direct all injured players to the appropriate medical personnel.
4. Never allow your demands to interfere with a player's academic progress.
5. Know your players' limitations (for example, are they asthmatic, diabetic, or just recovering from an injury?).
6. Never allow a practice to begin without an approved coach present.

*Rules Regarding Officials*

7. Know the Laws of the Game and see that your players live up to both the letter and the intent of them.
8. Refrain from criticizing officials in front of, or to your players and parents.
9. Treat officials with respect and demand the same from your players and fans.

*Rules Regarding Opponents*

10. Avoid making derogatory remarks about opponents and other coaches to your players.
11. Help your players to conduct themselves properly on and off the field.
12. Avoid arguing with an opposing coach, players, or bench during a game.
13. Use whatever influence you have with a crowd to keep the game under control.
14. Applaud good efforts by players of both teams and encourage your team's fans and parents to do likewise.

*Rules Regarding the Club*

15. It is not expected that every coach will agree with every decision made by the club. It is expected that every coach will respect and accept the decisions of the club.