

Coaches Expectations

All coaches are required to sign an acknowledgement of compliance in both mind and action to the Freeport Soccer Club By-Laws and Coaches Expectations policy.

The policy is included below for reference.

Coaches - Please sign and return a copy to the Board for record keeping.

I _____ (*print your name*) have read, understand and agree to comply with the IYSA code of conduct for coaches and the Freeport Soccer Club Coaches Expectations.

Coaches Signature

Date

Freeport Soccer Club Coaches Expectations

Freeport Soccer Club (FSC) Coaches are directed to take an active, participatory role in developing the players on their prospective teams. FSC coaches are to adhere to the governing rules ascribed by the FSC By-Laws, the Federation of International Football Associations (FIFA), the Illinois Youth Soccer Association (IYSA).

FSC coaches strive to be the best informed, most knowledgeable coaches they can be and are required to complete training for and receive the "E" license for coaching from IYSA. All coaches are encouraged to continue their self education and work towards further certification when applicable. FSC will pay for any FSC coach attending training to obtain an "E" license or above.

FSC coaches will adhere to the [Rule 021 - IYSA Code of Conduct for Coaches](#). In addition, Coaches in FSC will follow the FSC guidelines set forth covering positive coaching and positive reinforcement. FSC coaches must never put winning above the physical and emotional health of the players.

FSC Coaches are responsible for maintaining and promoting a good sportsmanship policy among players, fans, and parents. The Coach is responsible for maintaining a positive spectator side and is expected to be a good role model for all involved. Coaches are to nullify negative remarks by spectators at officials, players, opponents, and other spectators. The FSC coaches need to understand the new IYSA rules concerning harassing behavior towards soccer officials. It is possible for the coach to be carded or ejected for failure to manage the negative behavior of the spectators of his/her team.

FSC coaches are expected to prepare the team physically, tactically, technically and mentally for competition and ensure sporting behavior at all times.

FSC Coaches are to plan, implement and execute a positive practice/training schedule for their teams. FSC expects Coaches to have, a minimum of two (2) practice/training sessions per week during the season.

The FSC Board & Coaches should be working to have a full roster for each team at all times and make every effort to make roster positions available to players and families who desire to be FSC members. Coaches are expected to provide skill coaching to all players and offer acceptable levels of play time while balancing the momentum of the game to provide the best chance for the team to win during competitive events. Game condition play is an important part of soccer development and FSC Coaches are expected to ensure appropriate playing time for each child on the team. Please refer to the Player Expectations for disciplinary infractions that effect playing and practice time.

FSC Coaches can expect cooperation and support from the selected Team Managers and parents. FSC Coaches are there to coach and should expect that Team Managers and parents help with, and carry out, administrative duties that the Coach selects. FSC Coaches can expect support from the Board of FSC to resolve soccer related issues within FSC.

FSC Coaches are expected to ensure their players have adequate hydration at all practice and games and receive medical treatment as necessary.

Yellow Cards, Red Cards and Disciplinary Action

Any FSC Coach receiving a Yellow card from a referee should immediately remove him/her self from the situation. This is a "cool off" period to avoid further escalation of the situation. A FSC Coach receiving a Red card is subject to the rules and decisions of the tournament and tournament director. A FSC coach who receives a red card, or is asked to leave the game by the referee, will not be allowed to coach the next game in which his/her team participates – even if the next game is the following tournament or league game. A FSC Coach losing his/her coaches card to IYSA due to a Red card being issued, or being asked to leave the game, will be subjected to review by the FSC Board. A coach surrendering his/her card to IYSA will not be financially reimbursed by FSC. A coach who receives a red card, or is asked to leave the game, is expected to report the incident to the FSC Director of Coaching as soon as possible. The Director of Coaching is to report all incidents to the FSC Board at the next board meeting.

FSC Coaches are expected to remove a player immediately if that player receives a yellow card in accordance with the "cool off" period. A player receiving a Red card is subject to the rules of the Tournament and Tournament Director. In addition, per FSC Policy, a player receiving a Red card will miss the next game even if the next game is the following tournament or league game. A Red Carded player is expected to be reported to the FSC Board for review. Refer to the Player Expectations for information on how to request a meeting with the FSC Board.

All FSC Coaches need to be aware of and properly sign off on their Goal Safety Sign Off Sheets in accordance with FSC and IYSA.

Only IYSA carded FSC Coaches and FSC Assistant Coaches are to be with the team on the sideline during the games. FSC Coaches should conduct themselves in a professional manner at all times. Dress in a recognizable fashion that denotes FSC and puts our organization in a positive light. FSC Coaches should at all times put the team ahead of the individual and strive to make the FSC experience a positive one for all.