



# Coaches Code of Conduct Policy

## Policy Statement

This policy establishes the expectations and responsibilities for all coaches involved in Vi Premier – Elite XI Canada sanctioned activities. The policy aims to ensure coaches uphold the highest standards of professionalism, integrity, and respect in their interactions with players, officials, opponents, and spectators. By adhering to this policy, coaches contribute to a safe, inclusive, and positive soccer environment that aligns with Canada Soccer’s mission and values.

## Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to:

1. Define the behavior expected of coaches within BC Soccer.
2. Provide guidelines for conduct to protect players' welfare and promote ethical coaching practices.
3. Outline the consequences of failing to adhere to the Coaches Code of Conduct.

## Scope

This policy applies to:

- All coaches registered with VI Premier Sports – Elite XI Soccer Academy, or any affiliated organizations, including leagues.
- Coaches involved in sanctioned, games, tournaments, camps or events.

## Responsibilities of Coaches

Coaches are expected to:

### 1. Promote Safe Participation

- Ensure the safety, health, and well-being of all players under their supervision
- Follow safety guidelines, including concussion management and injury prevention protocols.
- Uphold Rule of Two to protect players from situations of potential harm.

### 2. Model Respect and Integrity

- Treat all players, officials, opponents, and spectators with dignity and respect.
- Abstain from using inappropriate language, gestures, or behavior.
- Respect the rules of the game and the decisions of referees and officials.

### 3. Foster Player Development

- Provide age-appropriate training and prioritize player development over winning.



- Support Canada Soccer's Long-Term Player Development (LTPD) framework.

#### **4. Maintain Professionalism**

- Commit to ongoing education and certification to improve coaching skills.
- Refrain from conflicts of interest or behavior that may bring the game into disrepute.

#### **5. Promote Inclusivity and Respect for Diversity**

- Create an environment that is inclusive of players of all backgrounds, identities, and abilities.
- Uphold BC Soccer's policies on diversity and inclusion.

### **Prohibited Conduct**

The following actions are strictly prohibited under this policy:

#### **1. Abuse, Harassment, or Bullying**

- Any form of physical, verbal, emotional, or sexual abuse toward players, officials, or others.
- Harassment, intimidation, or bullying in any form.

#### **2. Unsportsmanlike Conduct**

- Criticism of referees, opponents, or other teams in a disrespectful manner.
- Encouraging players or spectators to act in an unsportsmanlike way.

#### **3. Non-Compliance with Policies**

- Violating any BC Soccer policy, including Safe Sport, Respect in Sport, or disciplinary regulations.

### **Reporting and Enforcement**

#### **1. Reporting Violations**

- Violations of this policy must be reported to the club's administration

#### **2. Appeals**

- Coaches may appeal disciplinary decisions to the club administration.

### **Compliance and Acknowledgment**

All coaches must review, understand, and agree to adhere to this policy as a condition of their registration with VI Premier Sports – Elite XI Soccer Academy or its affiliated organizations.