

GISA Coaches / Trainers Code of Ethics & Conduct

The following standards of conduct outline a philosophy that is paramount to the game of soccer. Soccer is a sport and a game which belongs to the players. While coaches are vital to the game, we must realize that there is no “ownership” on coaching a team. Coaches must uphold the highest standards of professional conduct and competence. Furthermore, uncontrolled or abusive coaching conduct is NOT accepted nor tolerated at Golden Isles Soccer Association (GISA).

1. Focus on individual player development while teaching the benefits and values of teamwork, team chemistry and friendship among players.
2. Develop a safe and fun training environment conducive to learning and challenges
3. Put individual player development above win / loss records. The importance of winning should never supersede the players’ safety and welfare.
4. Treat officials with respect and dignity. Teach sportsmanship, ethical values reflecting fairness, integrity, respect and accountability.
5. Coaches must avoid any conduct which is construed as abusive toward all referees, any player, opposing coach or spectators supporting the team. It is the coaches’ responsibility to remove any player from the game when conduct is deemed inappropriate. The coach is also responsible for maintaining the conduct of the teams’ parents and spectators, which could include having parents and / or spectators removed from a game and administering any post game discipline.
6. Coaches must know the Laws of the Game and teach or ensure that your players understand them as well as can apply them. In addition, GISA expects all coaches to know GYSA rules and regulations as well as GISA policies and procedures.
7. Alcohol, tobacco products (including smokeless tobacco), illegal drugs, pets, and firearms are not permitted at any GISA game, home or away. Also, take an active role in educating the players about the dangers of drug, alcohol and tobacco use.
8. Coaches or trainers are required to be at all training sessions and games, remaining until the last player has left the field.
9. Remember, that GISA is managing the Jekyll Island Soccer Complex. It is our responsibility to provide, to supervise and to ensure a safe environment for all complex participants.

Offenders of this code of ethics and conduct are subject to immediate dismissal from any game and subject to being removed from Golden Isles Soccer Association. I have read above information and accept these conditions as part of my commitment to the Golden Isles Soccer Association. Furthermore, I acknowledge my responsibility and potential penalties if I fail to honor above conduct expectations.

Coaches’ Signature _____

Date _____

(Everyone involved with team must sign individual form. Head and assistant coaches as well as team managers)