

**SBMSA – Soccer Program (Boys and Girls)**  
**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF MANAGERIAL RESPONSIBILITIES**

**Dear Manager, Coach, and Assistant Coaches:**

The **Soccer** Board would like to thank you for making the commitment to coach our youth. SBMSA is a volunteer organization focused on supporting area youth through athletics. As such, you are a very necessary part of the organization and the development of our youth. Along those lines, there are some basic rules of conduct and play that the Association and the **Soccer** Board feel the need to emphasize:

**I. Player Participation:** It is your responsibility as a Coach to make sure that **ALL** of your players satisfy the minimum play requirements for your League. Please see the Rulebook for clarification of those requirements. The board has provided a “Game Completion/Participation Sheet” for each Coach to track the participation of each player at each game. These sheets are the responsibility of the Head Coach and will be used in the case of controversy. As such, it is also the Head Coach’s responsibility to submit this signed report after each game. As a courtesy to our statisticians, please also report your game scores on this sheet. **Note:** In order to use discipline as a reason for not meeting the minimum play requirements, you must be prepared to distribute this discipline equally and fairly amongst all players.

**II. Use of Profanity and Excessive Yelling:** The use of profanity will not be tolerated! Nobody likes a hothead and excessive yelling is destructive to the goals we are all trying to achieve. It is the Head Coach’s responsibility as the Manager to monitor your Assistant Coaches and Parents. Please be aware of your surroundings and the overall impact you are making on our youth. **BE POSITIVE!**

**III. Acceptable Coaching Behavior and Sportsmanship:** “Acceptable coaching” involves many facets, such as values, beliefs, leadership, sportsmanship, character, teamwork, love for the kids, and love for the sport. It is also accepting the responsibility that you are in charge of someone else’s child. Also, acceptable coaching can be defined by:

- **the tone of ones voice (i.e. screaming and outbursts are not allowed)**
- **the appropriate supervision of a child**
- **how intimidating an adult can be to a child (verbally or physically)**
- **how harsh a coach acts when a child makes an error or mistake**
- **arguing in front of the child for any reason**
- **fighting or arguing with the officials/umpires**
- **fighting or arguing with another coach or parent**
- **verbal ‘back stabbing’ other coaches, parents, umpires, and/or children out loud**
- **a flaring temper**
- **unsportsman-like conduct of any kind**

At the end of the day, acceptable coaching is about exemplifying healthy values, being a role model, good example for our children, displaying good moral character, and showing good sportsmanship, win or lose!

**IV. RULEBOOK ACCEPTANCE:** In addition to the above, a copy of the “Official Rules and Regulations of the SBMSA Soccer Program” is online and has been made available to you. The Rulebook provides the rules, regulations, and guidance for you as a Coach. If you have any questions, contact one of your **Soccer** Board members for assistance.

**V. BACKGROUND CHECKS:** SBMSA will conduct a national background check on each coach. It is imperative that you and all assisting coaches register online as a volunteer so that this can be done in a timely manner. If you have not received official clearance from the league, you are not eligible to coach or be on the sidelines at games. If SBMSA has provided you with credentials you are responsible for having such credentials with you at all league events (practice and games).

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By signing below, I agree to be bound by the rules, regulations, and ethical considerations of the Association. **Any violation of these rules could subject me to suspension from the league and possible forfeiture of games played. I also grant SBMSA permission to utilize the information given to perform a background check for the purpose of determining my suitability to coach for SBMSA.**

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My League: Boys or Girls

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TEAM HEAD COACH

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DATE

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TEAM Name

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