

## RESPONSIBLE COACHING MOVEMENT

As part of our commitment to the NCCP's Responsible Coaching Movement, the Dixie Soccer Club has implemented the following policies and procedures in order to ensure that both our athletes and coaches are protected.

## **RULE-OF-TWO POLICY**

- When a screened Dixie SC Coach, Volunteer Coach, Assistant Coach or Manager is in a potentially vulnerable situation with any Dixie SC registered player (ex: locker room or meeting room), another screened Dixie SC team official or the parent/guardian of the player(s) must be present.
- A coach should never be alone out of eyesight with a child. All one-on-one interactions between a coach and an athlete should take place within earshot and within view of a second coach or manager, except for in medical emergencies.
- ➤ One of the coaches shall be the same gender as the athlete
- In circumstances where a second, screened and certified, coach is not readily available a screened volunteer, parent, or adult can be recruited.
- > Team Officials should not transport athletes without another adult present, or unless prior written parental permission is obtained.

## **BACKGROUND SCREENING**

All competitive team officials must complete an application form per season as well as provide three reference checks. Once the application has been reviewed, applicants must then provide a Vulnerable Sector Screening to DSC. Upon approval, Vulnerable Sector Screenings must be completed every two (2) years thereafter.

## **ETHICS TRAINING**

All competitive coaches are required to complete ethics training to prepare them to effectively handle situations that may arise concerning individuals, teams, and our organization. Successful completion of both the Making Ethical Decisions (MED) & Respect in Sport courses are required. Completion of the Commit to Kids online training course is strongly encouraged.

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