Blackhills FC Coach-Player Interaction Policy

The purpose of this policy is to protect our players from emotional, physical, and sexual abuse or harassment by providing our coaches with guidelines designed to keep them from being put into a compromising position. These policy requirements are in addition to other existing requirements such as those provided in the Code of Conduct Policy for US Youth Soccer, Washington Youth Soccer, and US Club Soccer.

1. Coaches may not engage in direct one-on-one electronic communications with players.
2. Coaches may not intentionally place themselves in a one-on-one supervision situation with a player. Parents/guardians are responsible for timely pickup. If a player has not been picked up, the coach should contact the parent/guardian and make every reasonable effort to have another adult (such as another coach or parent/guardian) remain at practice or game locations with the coach and player until the player is picked up.
3. Coaches will not provide individual players with transportation to or from team practices, matches or tournaments unless there is an adult chaperone or two or more players. If a coach does provide player transportation based on the requirements of these guidelines, a parent/guardian must provide their permission.
4. Coaches may not socialize with a BFC player unless the activity is properly chaperoned.
5. Coaches may not privately follow, friend, like, or connect with players on personal social media accounts, nor engage in public or private messaging with players through social media platforms.
6. Any observed or suspected abuse or harassment must be reported immediately to law enforcement and a BFC board member or technical director. Any observed or suspected violation of this policy should be reported immediately to a BFC board member or technical director.