



SOCCER COACH'S PLEDGE

Age Group:

Team Name:

Season:

First Name:

Last Name:

First Name:

Last Name:

CODE OF ETHICS: As a coach, I acknowledge that I am a role model. I know that the principles of good sportsmanship are integrity, fairness, and respect. While teaching the skills of the game, I must also teach athletes how to win and lose graciously, and that sport is meant to be educational and fun. I know the behavior expectations of me by this league, and KYSA, and hereby accept my responsibility to be a model of ethical behavior, integrity, and good citizenship.

CODE OF CONDUCT: As a Coach, I agree to abide by the following:

1. I will always place the emotional and physical well-being of my players ahead of a personal desire or external pressure to win.
2. I will do my best to provide a safe and inclusive playing environment for all participants.
3. I will use positive reinforcement, never using foul or abusive language, and never abuse a player mentally, verbally or physically.
4. I will lead by example, demonstrating fair play and sportsmanship to all involved.
5. I will provide a sports environment for my team that is free of drugs, tobacco, alcohol, and abusive language and refrain from their use at all sporting events.
6. I will respect the game and league officials and communicate with them in an appropriate manner, and will ensure that my players, spectators, and supporters do the same. Game and league officials shall not be harassed, abused or berated during or after the match. Neither a coach nor a spectator shall enter the field of play without the referee's permission.
7. I will keep my players and their parents informed about the rules, schedules and other league-related information.
8. I will encourage my team members to play by the league rules and respect the rights of other players, coaches, fans and officials.
9. I will be responsible for my own behavior and also the behavior of my team members, their parents, and fans.



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INTERNET & SOCIAL MEDIA CONDUCT:

At no time will a WYSL player, parent, coach, or anyone be allowed to post negative or derogatory messages or comments pertaining to any soccer item (e.g. player, referee, coaches, etc.) to online chat rooms, blogs, bulletin boards, etc. This behavior is unacceptable by any player, parent, coach, or other affiliates/members of WYSL, and may reflect negatively against the reputation and integrity of you, your family, and WYSL. Message boards that should avoid any comments include, but are not limited to YouTube, Facebook, Twitter, etc. The WYSL will monitor these outlets for such behavior. WYSL players, parents, coaches, and other affiliates/members of WYSL may post appropriate videos, pictures of the team games or positive comments about your team or WYSL, if desired, but extreme care should be taken when choosing what and where to post. If at any time the WYSL finds players or parents, or any audience posting negative comments on any WYSL social media channels, WYSL reserves to the right to remove those parties from these outlets at any time without notification. Remember; if in doubt, do NOT post it!

GRIEVANCES & CONSEQUENCES OF BEHAVIOR:

Anyone who fails to conform their conduct to the preceding code of conduct while attending, coaching, officiating, or participating in a WYSL youth sports event will be subject to disciplinary action, including but not limited to the following in ANY order or combination:

- Verbal warning issued by the organization.
- Written warning issued by the organization.
- Suspension or immediate ejection from a youth sports event issued by the organization or someone who is authorized to issue such suspension or ejection by the organization. The assessed penalty will not require a hearing prior to being assessed. However, any penalty assessed to any individual may be appealed in writing to the WYSL Board of Directors, within 72 hours from the time the penalty was assessed. The appeal will be handled in accordance with the WYSL Bylaws.
- Removal from the WYSL team and organization.

Coach's Signature: _____

Date: _____

Assistant Coach's Signature: _____

Date: _____