

River Valley Soccer Coaches Code of Conduct

1. The Coach's responsibility is for the health, safety, and development of all participants in a fun environment.
2. The Coach should make all attempts to know and understand the Laws of the Game and instruct players to play within the laws and spirit of the game at all times.
3. The Coach should be a positive role model and set a high standard for sportsmanship, emphasizing fair play, fun and skill development.
4. The Coach should inspect the players equipment and field conditions for safety reasons.
5. The Coach should strive to continue his/her own education in the sport.
6. The Coach should be sensitive to each child's development needs, strive to have each player reach his/her full potential and develop a passion for the game in a fun environment.
7. Coaches should use positive reinforcement when dealing with player's; never use foul or abusive language. **Mental, Verbal, or Physical abuse will not be tolerated.**
8. The Coach should supervise and control his/her players to avoid an injury. Player's should be directed to seek proper medical attention for injuries and follow up with instructions regarding treatment and recovery if needed. **At no time should a player be put at risk by returning from an injury prematurely or by being forced to play while injured.**
9. I understand that only player's assigned to my team by the league can participate in games & practices. **I understand that each child shall play a minimum of one half of each game they attend and ALL timesheets must be turned into center referee at the end of each game.**
10. **Rule 469:** This rule is as follows after a 4 goal lead you will be warned by the official, then after 6 goals you will be given a yellow card by the official. If it gets to 9 goal lead a red card will be given and you will be suspended for next game to be able to coach. Must be observative and change tactics to ensure you keep the score from being run up.
11. The Coach must not criticize game officials and must instruct his/her players and spectators to refrain from criticizing officials as well. Coaches must avoid expressing dissent either in the form of questioning calls made or not made by the referees. Coaches should submit comments in writing regarding an official to a board member.
12. Coaches are to conduct themselves on game day in a manner that reflects good sportsmanship. Avoid negative comments aimed at opposing coaches or players and share players when your opponent is short of a full squad.

I understand it is the desire of RVSA to ensure the sport remains fun and safe for all participants. I understand that recreational soccer is to challenge players in improving their skills in a fun environment. I understand RVSA prohibits inappropriate behavior or "win at all costs" attitudes. The right to coach in RVSA is by permission, never guaranteed. Violation of rules or unsportsmanlike behavior may be grounds for dismissal from RVSA participation.