



Spring 2024 - Region 1455 Coach Pledge

Name (First & Last) _____

Division(s) Coaching: _____

League Management:

If I have an issue during the season, I will contact my Division Coordinator & copy the Regional Coach Administrator at rca@ayso1455.org (coach issues) or the Referee Administrator (referee issues) at rca@ayso1455.org. I will also cc: RC@ayso1455.org. Initial _____

Team Management:

- ☐ I understand I need to have a parent meeting to inform the parents about the season & my expectations.
- ☐ I understand that the parents of my team must sign a Parent Code of Conduct Form.
- ☐ I understand that two league approved background checked & safe-havened adults need to be at the field at all times (this could include a registered team parent).
- ☐ I will not invite a person that has not been directly approved by Region 1455 to help in any manner on the field, even if they are a "nice person" or if they tell me they used to be a coach.
- ☐ I will make sure that I am wearing my Region issued coach shirt (or badge) during practices and games.
- ☐ I will not allow a non-AYSO player to practice on my field or with my team.
- ☐ I realize due to liability reasons, no adults can play on the field with the players.
- ☐ I will only use registered players from my team & agree to not alter rosters/line up cards if I am short-handed. (For 8U and below, opposing team players only may be borrowed).

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Sidelines:

- ☐ I understand that it is my responsibility as a coach to keep my parents in check. Parents should only be cheering & not providing instructions to the players, nor communicating with the referees. I will communicate this at the team meeting & throughout the season, if needed.
- ☐ I will not enter the field of play (stepping over the sideline) unless a referee signals for me & I will remind parents that they are not allowed to enter the field, as well.
- ☐ I will not engage with players from the opposing team, unless it is a positive comment (Coaches manage behavior of their own team ONLY).
- ☐ If I have any issue with the opposing coach, I will contact our RCA (coach administrator) to follow up with the issue.
- ☐ I will remind my parents that dogs are not allowed at the fields (even if being held) & will ask for the dog to be removed immediately as this can affect our permit status.
- ☐ I acknowledge that earrings are not allowed to be worn on the field, even if bandaged/ covered. I will make sure my team follows these rules.

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Referees:

- ☐ I understand that this is a 100% volunteer organization & each team needs (10u & older) to provide referees to cover other games during the season. A certain amount of points, which represent coverage must be met by parent volunteers on your team, or your team will not qualify for the **INVITATIONAL** post season tournaments. No exceptions.
- ☐ Referees are not perfect. I understand that they are all volunteers & without them, the game would be canceled. I will show the utmost respect to the referees that volunteer their time for my game. If I have a complaint, I will email our RRA to handle it.
- ☐ **There is ZERO tolerance for adult or youth referee abuse. No negative comments are allowed to or near a youth referee.** I understand that I will be brought in by the disciplinary team & suspended if it is found that I

abused a referee in any way. I am allowed to ask what is the call, but not to question the call, nor try to argue it.

- ☐ I understand that if I am ejected from a game by a referee or board member, there is a minimum mandatory suspension for the next game.
- ☐ I understand that I am also responsible for my parents on the sideline when it comes to the treatment of referees & will pledge to protect ALL referees.

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Practices:

- ☐ I understand that I may only practice at the assigned time & field.
- ☐ I understand that I may use the goals at the field, but must lock them up after practice.
- ☐ I understand that goal safety is a priority and will remind my players (or any other children) not to climb or hang on the goals or the nets.
- ☐ I understand that I should end practices by 5 minutes before the next practice begins.

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Games:

- ☐ I understand that I should have my players arrive at a 30 minute minimum before the start of the game (depends on age of players).
- ☐ I understand that most games cannot be rescheduled. Due to how many people rescheduling affects and when I get my schedule, I will immediately let the league know if there are any big issues (such as scheduling conflicts for coaches of more than one team). It is NOT ok to ask for a reschedule due to missing a key player or having to play short.
- ☐ I understand that I need approval from RCA to cancel a game.
- ☐ I understand that I may not alter the format or rules of the game.
- ☐ I understand that ALL players play 3 quarters before any play 4 and that I should rotate 2 quarter players throughout the season (if the numbers don't allow for 3)
- ☐ I understand that in 8U and below there are no standings kept and in 10U+ teams only get credit for goals against (there is never a good reason to run up the score).
- ☐ I understand that blowouts are NEVER needed & I will keep the game from becoming a blowout with no more than a six goal differential, while showing respect to the weaker team.

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Conclusion:

- ☐ As a coach, I agree to focus on development over winning.
- ☐ As a coach, I will remember that there are two sets of kids playing the game & will take a proactive approach to avoid any blowouts during the season.
- ☐ I will remember at all times that I am coaching children & expected to provide a fun, fair & safe environment for the kids.
- ☐ I will contact the proper Region 1455 board members if there is any issue I think needs addressing.
- ☐ I understand that ALL tournaments in the Region, Area and Section are INVITATIONAL tournaments and participation is not automatic. Participation is by invitation of those events/tournaments only.
- ☐ I realize that this is youth rec soccer, not the World Cup.

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I understand and agree to all of the above for the season:

Please Sign your Name:

Date: