

IVYSL CODE OF CONDUCT FOR COACHES

This Code of Conduct has been developed to clarify and distinguish approved and accepted professional, ethical, and moral behavior from that which is detrimental to the development of the sport of soccer. (The term "Coach" shall include, but is not limited to Head Coach, Assistant Coach(s), Manager/Trainer, Team Representative or Parent.)

Article I Responsibilities to Players

1. The coach's responsibility is to the health and safety of all participants. The coach must never place the value of winning over the safety and welfare of players.
2. Coach should be positive role model and set the standard for sportsmanship with opponents, referees, administrators and spectators.
3. Coach should keep sport in proper perspective with players' academic education and psychological demands of the game for their level.
4. Coach shall say "no" to drugs and alcohol.
5. Coach should inspect player's equipment and field conditions for safety reasons.
6. Coach should continue his/her own education in the laws of the sport in order to be able to educate the players in technical, tactical, physical and psychological demands of the game for their level.
7. Coach should encourage moral and social responsibility.
8. Coach should be sensitive to each child's developmental needs, strive to have each player reach his/her full potential and be prepared to move to the next stage of development.
9. Coach should develop the child's appreciation of the game. Players should have fun and receive positive feedback.

****Coach should bring IYSA Medical Release and Liability Waiver to all practices and games.**

****Each team shall maintain in written form a record for each team practice, in which the coach or assistant coach shall certify that he or she has performed a physical inspection of the goals used in the practice to verify the goals were securely anchored. The certification shall also be signed by a parent associated with said team at the time of practice and turned into a IVYSL board member at the end of each month.**

10. The coach must behave in an ethical and legal manner. The Coach must complete and submit and IYSA Disclosure Statement to his/her IYSA affiliated association.

Article II Responsibility to IYSA and Member Organizations

1. Coach should work in the spirit of cooperation with the officials, board members, coaches, spectators and participants.
2. Coach should know and follow all rules set forth by the IYSA, leagues and clubs.
3. Coach must strive to maintain integrity within the sport.
4. Coach should contact club official or league to resolve conflicts through the grievance process.

Article III Responsibility to Officials

1. Coach must not criticize game officials and instruct his/her players, parents and spectators to refrain from criticizing officials.
2. Coach should treat officials with respect before, during, and after the game. Professional respect should be mutual and there should be no demeaning dialogue or gesture between officials, coach, or player. Coaches must not incite players or spectators or attempt to disrupt the flow of play. Coach is responsible for and will be held accountable for the conduct of his/her players, parents, and spectators.

Article IV Game Day And Other Responsibilities

1. A coach's behavior must bring credit to him/herself, his/her organization, and the sport of soccer.
2. The coach must confine him/herself to the technical area and only provide technical instruction.
3. A coach shall exhibit a respectful attitude towards players, officials, spectators, opposing players and coaches. Verbal abuse or physical assault (disrespect) is unethical and shall be punishable by suspension from the game.
4. Coach should use his/her influence to control the behavior of his players, parents, and spectators.

I, _____, received the IVYSL
Code of Conduct for Coaches and fully understand my
Responsibilities.

Date: _____