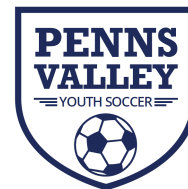




Coach Code of Conduct – Penns Valley Youth Soccer



Penns Valley Youth Soccer program is committed to the physical, emotional well-being and safety of all of the children in its program.

The Penns Valley Youth Soccer program seeks to instill positive character-building traits in our communities' youth through the demonstration of good sportsmanship, respect for others, responsibility, fairness, caring and good citizenship. We ask that coaches at Penns Valley Youth Soccer events help us by reflecting these character traits at games or practices.

When coaching for Penns Valley Youth Soccer program, I therefore agree:

- I will be a positive role model for my team and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, officials and spectators at every game or practice with respect regardless of race, creed, sex, religion, age or ability.
- I will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player, parent or spectators including, but not limited to, physically and/or verbally harassing, taunting, booing and otherwise in any way demeaning or insulting; refusing to shake hands; using profane or crude language and/or gestures; and other inappropriate behavior.
- I will not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and wellbeing of athletes.
- I will teach my team to play by the spirit of the rules and to resolve conflicts without hostility or violence.
- I will teach my team that trying and doing one's best is more important than winning, so that my team will never feel defeated by the outcome of the game or his/her performance.
- I will accept and respect all decisions of game officials as being fair and judged to the best of their ability, regardless of whether I agree with the same.
- I will take the time to speak in a civil manner with coaches, referees or the league organization members at agreed upon time and place to discuss concerns outside of game or practice.
- I will place the emotional and physical well-being of my players ahead of a personal desire to win.
- I will not use Social Media to degrade the Penns Valley Youth Soccer program to include but not limited to coaches, players, board members, referees and members of other teams.
- I will inform the organization's board promptly of any issues observed with players, parents, coaches or referees so the board can look into the concern or assist in the resolution. The board will track all reports to assist from season to season concerns or trends.

I also agree that if I fail to abide by the aforementioned rules and guidelines I will be subject to action, in accordance with the Penns Valley Youth Soccer By-laws, that could include, but is not limited to the following:

- Verbal warning by referee, coaches coordinator and/or member of league organization
- Written warning, issued by league organization board
- Coaching game suspension with written documentation of incident, issued by league organization board
- Coaching season suspension with written documentation of incident, issued by league organization board

Coach Name: _____ Date: _____

Coach Position Accepted: Head Coach / Assistant Coach (Please Circle One)

Coach Division: Boys / Girls / Coed (Please Circle One)

Regular Team; Coaching Level: U6 / U8 / U10 / U12 or Travel Team; Coaching Level: U11 / U 13 (Please Circle One)