



## Referee 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 referees at Penns Valley Youth Soccer events help us by reflecting these character traits at games or practices.

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

- I will take on the responsibility for the safety of the players and coaches during a match.
- I will learn and understand the rules of the game and division to which they are assigned so I'm able to enforce them fairly to the best of my ability.
- I will utilize the Referee Coordinator for our organization for mentoring, questions and guidance throughout the season to assist me in my duties.
- I will be a positive role model and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, other officials and spectators at every game with respect regardless of race, creed, sex, religion, age or ability.
- I will attend provided trainings to assist in my knowledge and expectations for managing games.
- I will control and manage disputes with players, coaches, other officials, parents and spectators effectively by being courteous, considerate, calmly and respectfully.
- I will take on the responsibility to review and understand the player, parent and coaches code of conduct to assist me manage the game duties.
- 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, spectators, coaches or other 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 the referee coordinator and/or member of league organization
- Written warning, issued by league organization board
- Referee game suspension with written documentation of incident, issued by league organization board
- Referee season suspension with written documentation of incident, issued by league organization board

Referee Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Completed by Referee Coordinator: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Division able to referee: (Check all that apply)

Regular Season:      U6 \_\_\_\_\_      U8 \_\_\_\_\_      U10 \_\_\_\_\_      U12 \_\_\_\_\_