

Parent & Player Code of Conduct

Help make your child's soccer experience a pleasant and enjoyable one by following these simple guidelines. We want to teach them how to "Love the Game".

****Parents and Players Are Required to Read This Entire Code of Conduct and Digitally Sign by Submitting to AYSA.****

AYSA Parents Code of Conduct

- Our coaches are volunteers, please respect the coach regardless of how you feel about them.
- Parents must not coach from the sideline during matches and training, leave this to the coaches since it may cause confusion and erode the player's confidence.
- Be your child's best fan and support him/her unconditionally.
- On transporting your child home, please be supporting and always focus on the positive aspects of their game, especially after a loss.
- Help your player to focus on the performance and not the result.
- Winning is not as important as the performance, especially at the younger ages.
- Support all the players in your child's squad. Do not criticize any player.
- Respect the facilities at our opponents' grounds.
- Do not criticize your child's coach to your child or other parents, if you are not happy with the coach you should raise the issue with the coach. Please do not talk to the coach before, during or after a game about your child or the game in general. AYSA encourages a phone call, email or meeting 24 hours after game play.
- Encourage your child to speak with the coach. If your child is having difficulties in training or games, or can't attend training etc. encourage him to speak directly to the coaches. This "responsibility taking" is a big part of becoming a mature person.
- Do not criticize the opponents, their parents, coaches or the referee.

Communication

- Parents are not permitted on the field to talk to the coach or the players. In case of emergency, parents will be allowed on the field.
- If parents and/or players would like to meet with the coach, an appointment must be made for a meeting before or after practice.

Practice & Games

- Players must arrive at the field at least five to ten minutes prior to practice time and must be ready to go by the set practice time. (Cleats and shinguards on)
- The coach should be notified in advance of practice time if a player is expecting to arrive late, or if a player has to leave practice early.
- If a player is unable to attend a practice the Coach should be notified in advance of the scheduled practice time.
- Players must wear the proper equipment (shin-guards and cleats) at each practice.
- Parents are encouraged to attend practices, assist the coaches and learn about the game so that you may relate to your player.
- Players must arrive at the game field at least 45 minutes prior to the game's scheduled start time.
- If a player will be late for the game or has to leave the game early, the coach must be notified in advance.

Respect

- Every coach, player and parent must behave according to the AYSA code of conduct.
- Respect the coaches time, by being on time to practice and games and being willing to learn about the game.
- The referees and linesmen should always be dealt with in a sportsmanlike and courteous manner. Parents and players may be asked to leave the game if they continuously harass the referee's.
- During the games, parents, players, and coaches should refrain from making any comments or speaking negatively to the game officials.
- Players should treat their teammates and opponents with respect and should conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike and courteous manner.
- Any involvement of parents with players during the game has to be designated and approved by the coach (water breaks, injuries etc.).
- Players should only be instructed by the coach during the game. The parents' role should be limited to encouragement only – no instruction or coaching is permitted.
- **Parents are not permitted to approach the coach after the game for discussions about playing time, playing position, complaints etc. Meetings should be scheduled for 24 hours after the game has been played. Parents, please realize that the 24 hour period is to allow both parties to calm down. Nothing is solved in a discussion where the parties are upset.**

****If the code of conduct is not followed, AYSA has the right to suspend any player or parent from participating in games and/or practices up to the whole season.***