

# Capital District Youth Soccer League.

## COACHES CODE OF CONDUCT

1. Coaches will always be fair, firm and consistent.
2. Coaches will promote a positive attitude and lead by example.
3. Coaches will not argue with parents or officials, and will always demonstrate good sportsmanship.
4. Coaches will do the best they can to ensure each athlete is both physically and mentally ready for whatever task is asked of them.
5. Coaches will adhere to the policies and procedures of CDYSL and a set proper example for everyone to follow.
6. Coaches will stress teamwork and respect for every athlete.
7. Coaches will allow each athlete the opportunity to compete and excel.
8. Coaches will display control, respect, dignity, and professionalism to all involved with soccer. This includes, but is not limited to, officials, opponents, coaches, administrators, parents, spectators and the media.
9. Coaches will ensure that coaching or training activities take place in a safe environment and are appropriate for the age, maturity, experience and ability of the players.
10. Coaches will never strike, shove, threaten to strike, or lay a hand upon an official, player or spectator.
11. Coaches will never coach or train while under the influence of alcohol or drugs or allow a player to train or play as well.
12. Coaches will never use trash talk, profane, obscene, or vulgar language under any circumstance.

## PLAYERS CODE OF CONDUCT

1. Players will play by the Laws of the Game.
2. Players will control their temper; most of all, resist the temptation to retaliate when you feel you have been wronged.
3. Players will be good sports by cheering all good plays, whether it's your team or opponent's.
4. Players will treat all players as they would like to be treated.
5. Players will cooperate with your coaches, teammates, opponents and referees.
6. Players will remember that soccer is a team game and encourage teammates as every player makes mistakes and has off days.
7. Players will never abuse anyone or swear in frustration on or off the field of play.
8. Players will never use unnecessary rough tactics during the course of a game.
9. Players will never appear in the contest area under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
10. Players must always abide by the officials decision.

## PARENTS CODE OF CONDUCT

1. Parents serve as role models for their children; become aware of this and work to be a positive role model. Applaud good plays by your child's team as well as the opposing team.
2. Parents should refrain from coaching or refereeing from the sidelines.
3. Parents will not embarrass their child by yelling at players, coaches, or officials. By showing a positive attitude toward the game and all of its participants, your child will benefit.
4. Parents will emphasize skill development and practices and how they benefit your athlete. De-emphasize games in the lower age groups.
5. Parents should support the efforts of the volunteer coaches and the league.
6. Parents will never use profanity, drugs, alcohol, or tobacco during any game or training session.
7. Parents will always show good sportsmanship and set an example for their child.
8. Parents will ask their child to treat other players, coaches, fans, and officials with respect regardless of race, sex, creed, or ability.
9. Parents will place the emotional and physical well being of their child ahead of their personal desire to win.
10. Parents will never strike, shove, threaten to strike, or lay a hand upon an official, player or spectator.

## CODE OF CONDUCT FOR DIRECTORS AND VOLUNTEERS

1. Regardless of the time and sacrifices you devote, no director, officer, or other volunteer will receive any financial benefit or credit for their volunteer services.
2. Organizational goals will be placed before personal goals. Put the best interest of the entire program ahead of individual desires. We are here to serve all the children with quality programs.
3. Minimize complaints and pettiness. Look for ways to improve the organization rather than pointing fingers.
4. Speak up when you have questions or disagree, but support the final decision of the organization.
5. Look at problems from an organization-wide perspective. Focus on the best interests of all the children and the sport in general.
6. Treat your colleagues respectfully. Give your colleagues the benefit of the doubt. Don't jump to conclusions. They are just like you, doing their best to help build a quality program for kids. Conflicts should focus on issues, not personalities of individuals. Courtesy goes a long way toward building harmony and cooperation.