



Southfield Youth Soccer League

Coach Code of Conduct

The Southfield Youth Soccer League (SYSL) is concerned about the conduct of all our coaches. We want to ensure that games are fair, positive and enjoyable experiences for all of the children and adults involved. It is important that games remain friendly and enjoyable for both teams regardless of the outcome. To this end, we are asking our coaches to submit to a code of conduct espoused by the League. To clarify expectations of the conduct of each coach, we expect all coaches to conform to this code of conduct.

As a coach of the Southfield Youth Soccer League (SYSL), I agree to the following:

- 1) To learn and know the rules of the game and the policies of SYSL as defined in the SYSL Operating Rules and shall support and uphold them.
- 2) To communicate in a timely and open manner with parents, providing sufficient advance notice of matters that may impact them or their schedules.
- 3) To be a positive role model for my players and will maintain my personal integrity and dignity at all times.
- 4) To demand a sports environment that is free from drugs, alcohol and tobacco and will refrain from their use at all games, exhibitions, practices and events. I will never coach a game or conduct a practice under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
- 5) To never swear, use profanity, make obscene gestures, or engage in any inappropriate behavior or conduct, at any time during practices and games.
- 6) To always remember that my players are involved in the SYSL programs for fun and enjoyment.
- 7) To always have a positive attitude and praise my players for trying hard, playing fair and doing their best, regardless of the outcome of the game.
- 8) To not criticize in a destructive & hurtful manner, yell, or call players derogatory names for making mistakes
- 9) I understand that winning is a consideration, but not the only one, nor the most important one. I will place the well being of every player above my personal desire to win. I will be humble in victory and gracious in defeat.
- 10) I understand that being a coach means being, first and foremost, a teacher. I will teach my players basic skills, techniques and strategies. I will give all my players the opportunity to improve their skills, gain confidence and develop self-esteem at practice and in games.
- 11) To always display good sportsmanship, fair play, and encourage the same from players, colleagues, opponents, parents and spectators.
- 12) To treat my players in a fair and equal manner while stressing that teamwork and being a team player are more important than individual goals.
- 13) To give each player an amount of playing time and experience at different positions in a fair manner.
- 14) To maintain an open line of communication with my players and parents.
- 15) To respect the referees and game officials and their authority during every game, which means I will not dispute, challenge or excessively argue any decisions made in a confrontational manner.
- 16) To take the time to calmly and rationally discuss any situation or call made during a game with a referee or league official.

I acknowledge that this Code of Conduct has been adopted by SYSL and agree that if I fail to abide by the aforementioned rules and guidelines, I will be subject to disciplinary action by SYSL that could include, but is not limited to the following:

- Warning
- Probation
- Game suspension
- Season suspension
- Removal from League

In the event a situation rises which calls for interpretation, SYSL will take into account the best interest of each athlete, the entire team, the league, and the integrity of the game of soccer. The SYSL board decision will be final.

I am representing SYSL, my community and my team and agree to act accordingly at all times.

Coach's Signature

Date