

**VALPO SOCCER CLUB**  
**COACHES CODE OF CONDUCT**

1. Head Coaches, Assistant Coaches, and Managers are all Coaches for the Purposes of this Code of Conduct.
2. My responsibility is to the health and safety of all participants. I must never place the value of winning over the safety and welfare of players.
3. I should make all attempts to know and understand the Laws of the Game and instruct players to play within the laws and spirit of the game at all times.
4. I should be a positive role model and set the standard for sportsmanship.
5. I should keep sport in proper perspective with player's academics.
6. I should inspect player's equipment and field conditions for safety reasons.
7. I should strive to continue his/her own education in the sport in order to be able to educate players in the demands of the game for their level.
8. I should encourage moral and social responsibility.
9. I should be sensitive to each child's developmental needs, strive to have each player reach his/her full potential and be prepared to advise them when it's time to move to the next stage of development.
10. I should develop the child's appreciation of the game. Players should have fun and receive positive feedback
11. I should supervise and control my players to avoid injury situations. Players should be directed to seek proper medical attention for injuries and to follow the physician's instructions regarding treatment and recovery. At no time should a player be put at risk by returning from injury prematurely or by being forced to play while injured.
12. It is recommended that I become certified in basic first aid and be prepared to handle medical emergencies at all practices and games properly supplied first aid kit and ice to all practices and games know 911 and emergency phone numbers and procedures know location of nearest medical facility carry medical releases and waivers to all practices and games.
13. I must not criticize game officials and must instruct his/her players, parents and spectators to refrain from criticizing officials. I should only approach referees respectfully, and as the circumstances permit, and submit comments in writing regarding an official to the appropriate organization assigning the official.
14. I am responsible, and will be held accountable, for the conduct of my players, parents and spectators.
15. I understand it is the desire to ensure the sport remains fun and safe for all participants.
16. I understand that competitions between teams are arranged to challenge players in improving their skills and advance to the next level in a fun environment.
17. I understand the prohibitions against irresponsible behavior and "win at all costs" attitudes.
18. I understand the right to coach is by permission of my Club and the League for which my team plays and is never guaranteed. Violations of rules or unsportsmanlike behavior may be grounds for my dismissal from participation.

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Signature

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Teams Coached

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Printed Name

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Date