

Youth Development League Festivals Code of Conduct

The YDL Festivals should be a fun, educational, and positive experience for all players, officials, coaches, parents, and spectators. One of our main goals is to provide an adequate opportunity to foster a passion for the game for our youngest players. We are the direct source of ethics and attitudes that can influence the behavior of players under our supervision. Coaches and parents are expected to act with integrity and morality in all situations. The YDL Festival Code of Conduct does not negate or delegitimize winning; however we must disassociate ourselves with a “win at all costs” mentality out of respect for player development. Coaches are mentors to every one of their players and must put their health, safety, welfare and moral education as a top priority. Below is the YDL Festival Code of Conduct which reflects the standards expressed by the DOC's of all participating clubs.

- Coaches and parents must recognize that the well-being of the player is the top priority.
- Coaches and parents must adhere to all guidelines set by YDL Festivals.
- Coaches are responsible for his/her team's players and parents; Coaches understand that the behavior and sportsmanship of their assistant coaches, players, parents and spectators are their responsibility.
- Coaches are to advocate for the game officials: These are young officials who are at the beginning of their refereeing experience. Parents and spectators are not to address the game officials. Officials are to communicate with the coaches if there is any questionable spectating on the parent sideline.
- Coaches are to make expectations clear with the players and parents from the start of the season.
- Coaches must always promote the positive aspects of the sport (e.g. fair play) and never condone violations of the Laws of the Game and behavior contrary to the spirit of the Laws of the Game.
- Coaches must not use or tolerate inappropriate language.
- All parties must understand and recognize that the specialized rules and guidelines set forth by the YDL Festivals are in place to provide a proper learning experience for players of all developmental levels at this age.