

## LOUDOUN SOCCER COACH CODE OF CONDUCT

A coach plays an important role in youth soccer. Coaches are role models for not only their team members but for all participants involved in soccer. As a coach I agree to abide by the following:

- I accept and will implement the club's core values of Fun, Integrity, Fairness, Teamwork, and Stewardship in my actions as a coach and leader of youth athletes.
- I will place the emotional and physical well-being of my players ahead of a personal desire to win.
- I will treat each player as an individual, remembering the large range of differences in emotional and physical development for the same age group.
- I will provide a safe playing environment for my players.
- I will insure that my players' experience in practices and games is one of fun and enjoyment and improvement in skill. I understand that the three top reasons kids play sports are: a) to have fun, b) to make new friends, and c) to learn new skills.
- I will remember that I am a youth sports coach, and that the game is for the children and not the adults.
- I will abide by Loudoun Soccer's rules regarding minimum playing time.
- I will be knowledgeable of the Laws of the Game and Loudoun Soccer rules and regulations, and teach these rules to all players on my team.
- I will encourage my team members to play by the rules and respect the rights of other players, coaches, spectators and officials.
- I will meet and greet officials and opposing coaches prior to the match to set the proper tone of the game.
- **I UNDERSTAND THAT LOUDOUN SOCCER HAS A ZERO-TOLERANCE POLICY TOWARD REFEREE ABUSE, AND THAT ANY VERBAL ABUSE AND/OR PHYSICAL ASSAULT BY ME TO AN OFFICIAL WILL RESULT IN SEVERE PUNISHMENT.**
- I understand that as coach, I am responsible for not only my own behavior but also the behavior of my team members and their parents, other team coaches and personnel, and spectators at Loudoun Soccer games.
- I will only permit properly registered and approved adults who have passed a background check to assist me at practices and/or games.
- I will provide a sports environment for my team that is free of drugs, tobacco, alcohol, and abusive language and I will refrain from their use at all youth sports events.
- I will do my best to attend all coach meetings and coaching education clinics offered by Loudoun Soccer, and will seek additional opportunities and programs through VYSA and other promoted outlets.
- **I UNDERSTAND THAT (UPON REVIEW) LOUDOUN SOCCER CAN AND WILL, IF NECESSARY, SUSPEND MY COACHING PRIVILEGE SHOULD I BEHAVE IN A MANNER THAT IS CONTRARY TO THIS CODE OF CONDUCT.**