

Aston Youth Soccer Association

Intramural Team Code of Conduct (Parents, Players and Coaches)

As a condition of any individual's participation in the Aston Youth Soccer Association (AYSA) Intramural soccer program (whether as a parent with a child rostered on an AYSA Intramural team, as a player rostered on an AYSA Intramural team or as a coach of an AYSA Intramural team), we, the AYSA Executive Board of Directors, have adopted the following Code of Conduct.

Parents:

1. I will not force my child to be a participant.
2. I will remember that the children participate to have fun and the game is for them.
3. I (and my guests) will encourage good sportsmanship by showing respect, courtesy and by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, officials and spectators.
4. I (and my guests) will not engage in unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player or parent, including, but not limited to: booing, taunting or using profane language or gestures.
5. I will not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and well-being of the athletes.
6. I will encourage my child to treat other players, coaches, officials and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, color or ability.
7. I acknowledge that encouraging children to have fun and to learn the game is more important than winning.
8. I will refrain from coaching my child or other players during games unless I am one of the official coaches of the team.
9. My child will attend every practice and game possible, and will notify my coach if he/she cannot.
10. I will be on time for practice and games.
11. I will respect the officials and coaches and their authority during games, including a request to leave the field. I will not question or confront them at the field, and I will notify the AYSA VP of Intramurals and/or my age group Commissioner if I have a problem with a coach, official or another parent.

Referees — especially young and inexperienced ones — are like players and coaches in that they need time to develop.

- You can play an important role in helping them improve by letting them concentrate on the game.
- You can help by encouraging them, by accepting their inevitable, occasional mistakes and by offering constructive post-game comments.

On the other hand, you could discourage and demoralize the referees by criticizing their decisions, by verbally abusing them and inciting — or even accepting — your own players' overly aggressive behavior.

Your example is powerful, for better or worse.

- If you insist on fair play, if you concentrate on your players' enjoyment of the game and their overall, long-term development, and if you support the referee, your players and others will notice.
- If you encourage (or allow) your players to play outside the rules, if you're overly concerned about the results, and if you criticize the referee harshly, your players and others will also notice.

Players:

1. I will encourage good sportsmanship from fellow players, coaches, officials and parents at every game and practice by demonstrating good sportsmanship.
2. I will do my best to listen and learn from my coaches.
3. I will treat my coaches, other players, officials and fans with respect regardless of race, sex, creed or abilities, and I will expect to be treated accordingly.
4. I deserve to have fun during my sports experience and will alert my coaches and/or parents if it stops being fun.
5. I will remember that sports are an opportunity to learn and have fun.
6. I will learn the rules of the game.
7. I will not engage in unsportsmanlike conduct with any coach, parent, player, participant, league official or any other attendee.
8. I will not engage in any behavior that would endanger the health, safety or well-being of a coach, parent, player, participant, league official or any other attendee.
9. I will not engage in the use of profanity while attending or participating in an AYSA Intramural event.
10. I will not engage in verbal or physical threats or abuse aimed at any coach, parent, player, participant, league official or any other attendee.
11. I will not initiate a fight or scuffle with any coach, parent, player, participant, league official, or any other attendee.

Coaches:

1. I will abide by the aforementioned Code of Conduct applicable to parents.
2. I will learn the rules of the game and the policies of AYSA.
3. I will not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the emotional and/or physical health and well-being of the athletes.
4. I will notify the AYSA VP of Intramurals and/or my age group Commissioner of any injury or incident where a child is seriously injured.
5. I will teach the players to play by the laws of the game and to resolve conflicts without resorting to name calling, taunting, hostility or violence.
6. I will emphasize skill development over winning.
7. I will respect the officials and other coaches and their authority during games.
 - a. I will not question or confront them at the field.
 - b. Any disagreement with an official or another coach shall be handled as respectfully as possible with the understanding that a coach is a role model for his/her players and his/her actions are on display for all to see and the coach is a representative of AYSA.
8. If I have an issue with a coach, an official, a player or a parent, I will speak with them at an appropriate and agreed upon time and place, or contact the AYSA VP of Intramurals and/or my age group Commissioner.

Parents and Coaches:

I, the undersigned, further agree that any alleged violation of the rules laid out in this Code of Conduct may result in my being asked to leave the field upon the request of an official or AYSA designated representative present at the field. Following any such dismissal from the field or a report of an alleged violation, AYSA, through its Board or designated representative may, at its sole discretion, investigate the alleged violation. If it is determined that I have violated this Code of Conduct, AYSA, at its sole discretion, may remove me as a coach and/or suspend me from attending games for the remainder of a season or a portion thereof per the attached procedure.

Players:

I, the undersigned, further agree that if I fail to abide by the rules laid out in this Code of Conduct, I will be subject to disciplinary action that could include, but is not limited to, the following:

- 1. Verbal warning by official, head coach and/or designated AYSA representative
- 2. Written warning
- 3. Player game suspension with written documentation of incident kept on file by AYSA
- 4. Player season suspension

Parents/Coaches

Print Name _____ Signature _____

Print Name _____ Signature _____

Players

Print Name _____ Signature _____

Print Name _____ Signature _____

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