



# Fairbanks Youth Soccer Association Policies

## Policy #13 - FYSA CODE OF ETHICS

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- I. OBJECTIVE: To provide guidelines to prevent abuse to and from officials, coaches, parents, players and spectators. To make officials, coaches, parents and players and spectators responsible for their actions, to clarify and distinguish approved and accepted professional, ethical and moral behavior from that which is detrimental to the purposes of the Fairbanks Youth Soccer Association (FYSA).
- II. POLICY
  - a. FYSA BOARD OF DIRECTORS
    - i. DIRECTIONS: As a board member, you need to be aware that more is expected of those in leadership roles. Review the following statements. Signing this Code of Ethics solidifies your commitment to board service.
    - ii. As a member of this board, I will:
      1. Represent the interests of all people served by this organization, and not favor special interests inside or outside of this nonprofit.
      2. Not use Director Positions to personal advantage or for the advantage of family, friends or associates.
      3. Keep confidential information confidential.
      4. Respectfully accept the majority decisions of the board.
      5. Approach all board issues with an open mind, prepared to make the best decisions for everyone involved.
      6. Do nothing to violate the trust of those who elected or appointed me to the board or of those we serve.
      7. Focus efforts on the mission of the nonprofit and not on personal goals.
      8. Never exercise authority as a board member except when acting in a meeting with the board or as delegated by the board.
      9. Work to ensure FYSA is well maintained, financially secure and always operating in the best interests of soccer players and parents.
  - b. FYSA COACHES
    - i. Responsibilities to Players
      1. The coach shall never place the value of winning over the safety and welfare of players.
      2. Coaches shall continue to educate themselves not only in the sport of soccer but also first aid and risk management issues
      3. Coaches shall teach players to play within the spirit and within the letter of the written rules and laws of the game.
      4. Coaches shall not seek unfair advantage by teaching deliberate unsportsmanlike behavior to players.
      5. Coaches shall not tolerate inappropriate behavior from players regardless of the situation.



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6. Coaches shall, under no circumstances, authorize, encourage or condone the use of performance enhancing substances.
  7. Coaches shall never offer or pay monetary rewards, for individual or team performances.
  8. Coaches shall limit demands on players' time should soccer participation interfere with academic goals or progress.
  9. Coaches must never encourage players to violate AYSA, FYSA recruitment, eligibility or player rules and policies.
  10. Coaches shall direct players to seek proper medical attention for injuries and to follow physician's instructions regarding treatment and recovery.
- ii. Responsibility to FYSA and Member Associations
    1. Adherence to all FYSA and Member Association rules and policies, especially those regarding eligibility, team formation and recruiting are mandatory and should never be violated. It is the responsibility of each coach to know and understand these rules.
  - iii. Responsibility to Officials
    1. Officials must have the support of the coaches, players and spectators. Coaches must always refrain from criticizing officials in the presence of players or spectators.
    2. Professional respect, before, during and after the game, should be mutual. There should be no demeaning dialogue or gestures between official, coach or player.
    3. Coaches must not incite players or spectators or attempt to disrupt the flow the game.
    4. Comments regarding an official should be made in writing to the appropriate organization assigning the official.
  - iv. Responsibilities to the Laws of the Game
    1. Coaches will strive to know, understand, and demonstrate all applicable local, state, and national rule, regulations and policies.
    2. Coaches are responsible to assure their players understand the intent as well as the application of the Laws.
    3. Coaches must adhere to the letter and spirit of the Laws of the game.
    4. Coaches are responsible for their players' actions on the field and must not permit them to perform with intent of causing injury to opposing players.
    5. The coach must constantly strive to teach good sporting behavior.
  - v. Responsibility regarding Scouting and Recruiting
    1. All FYSA rules pertaining to recruiting shall be strictly observed by coach, manager or any team representative.



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2. It is inappropriate to recruit player(s) currently rostered on a current team.
  3. It is unethical for a player to be recruited or enticed from the Olympic development Program (ODP) setting, either by his ODP coach or any coach, manager, player, parent or team representative.
  4. When discussing the advantages of his/her organization, the coach has an obligation to be forthright and refrain from making derogatory remarks regarding other coaches, teams and organizations.
  5. It is unethical for any coach to make a statement to a prospective athlete which cannot be fulfilled; illegal to promise any kind of compensation or inducement for play; and immoral to deliver same.
  6. Coaches shall not scout any team or player, by any means whatsoever.
- vi. Responsibility to Public Relations
1. Coaches have a responsibility to promote the game of soccer to the public.
  2. Coaches have the responsibility to assist their players in conducting themselves properly when in public when representing their team, member association and FYSA.
  3. Coaches must not attempt to influence member associations or FYSA in political or financial dealings outside the framework of their own rules and bylaws.
- vii. Other Responsibilities
1. Coaches' behavior must be such as to bring credit to himself, his organization and the sport of soccer.
  2. While the concept of rivalry is wholly embraced, it cannot take precedence over exemplary professional conduct.
  3. The attitude and conduct of the coach towards officials, players, spectators and coaches should be controlled and undemonstrative.
  4. It is unacceptable for a coach to have any angry, attacking or otherwise threatening verbal altercation with an opposing coach or bench before, during or after the game.
  5. Coaches must use their influence to restrain or prevent his/her spectators that demonstrate intimidating and/or unacceptable behavior towards officials, player(s) and opposing team members
- c. PARENTS
- i. Responsibility to Athlete
1. The parent shall never place the value of winning over the safety and welfare of the athlete.



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2. The parent shall encourage athlete to play by the rules at all times.
  3. The parent shall not seek unfair advantage by allowing athlete to play in an unsportsmanlike behavior to other players.
  4. The parent shall not force athlete to participate in sports or allow demands on athlete's times to be so extensive as to interfere with academic goals or progress.
- ii. Responsibility to Officials
1. Officials must have the support of parents. Parents must always refrain from criticizing officials in the presence of athletes or spectators.
  2. Respect before, during and after the games should be mutual. There should be no demeaning dialogue or gestures between parent, official, coach or athlete.
  3. Parents must not incite athletes or spectators or attempt to disrupt the flow of the game.
  4. Comments regarding an official should be made in writing to the appropriate organization assigning the official.
- d. PLAYERS
- i. Responsibilities
1. Strive to maintain integrity within our sport.
  2. Know and follow all rules and policies set forth by clubs, leagues, state and national associations.
  3. Work in the spirit of cooperation with officials, administrators, coaches and spectators to provide the participants with the maximum opportunity to develop.
  4. Be a positive role model.
  5. Set the standard for sportsmanship with opponents, referees, administrators and spectators.
  6. Keep sport in proper perspective with education.