

## FCYSL COACH Code of Conduct

We, the Four Corners Youth Soccer League, have implemented the following Soccer Parent Code of Conduct for the important message it holds about the proper role of Coaches in supporting the players. Head Coaches are responsible for the conduct of their coaching staff and the parents/spectators at all games and practices. Any adult guilty of improper conduct at any game or practice may be asked to leave the sports facility and be suspended from the following game. Repeat violations may cause a multiple game suspension, or the forfeiture of the privilege of attending all games.

### Preamble

The essential elements of character-building and ethics in sports are embodied in the concept of sportsmanship and six core principles:

- Trustworthiness
- Respect
- Responsibility
- Fairness
- Caring
- Good Citizenship

### I therefore agree:

1. I will remember that children participate to have fun and that the game is for youth, not adults.
2. I will be aware of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others.
3. I will learn the rules of the game and the policies of the league.
4. I (and the team I coach) will be a positive role model for the children and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, officials and spectators before, at and after every game, practice or other event.
5. I (and the team I coach) will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player, or parent such as booing and taunting; refusing to shake hands; or using profane language or gestures.
6. I will not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and well-being of the athletes.
7. I will teach the players to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
8. I will demand that the players/parents/coaches on my team treat other players, coaches, officials and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, color, sex or ability.
9. I will teach the players that doing one's best is more important than winning, so that my child will never feel defeated by the outcome of a game or the player's performances.
10. I will praise all players for competing fairly and trying hard, and make each player feel successful.
11. I will never ridicule or yell at any player or other participants for making a mistake or losing a competition.
12. I will emphasize skill development and practices and how they benefit players over winning. I will also de-emphasize games and competition in the lower age groups.
13. I will promote the emotional and physical wellbeing of the athletes ahead of any personal desire I may have for my team to win.
14. I will respect the officials and their authority during games and will never question, discuss, or confront coaches at the game field, and will take time to speak with parents at an agreed upon time and place.
15. I will demand a sports environment that is free from drugs, tobacco, and alcohol and I will refrain from their use at all sports events.
16. I will keep all of my interactions with the players, parents, officials and other coaches positive and respectful to maintain a fun environment for the players at practices and games.

Coach Signature

Date