



# VHSC COMPETITIVE COACHES CODE OF CONDUCT



The coach's role is one of teaching soccer skills and sportsmanship to players. The coach is responsible for communicating practice and game times to the players and parents. The coach is also responsible for monitoring the behavior of the players and parents during practice and games. All coaches within the soccer program will promote good sportsmanship among players, foster team camaraderie, and help participants have fun while teaching players the technical skills of soccer. Unsportsmanlike conduct of coaches will not be tolerated by the program. Each coach agrees to this Code of Conduct, certifies that he/she is familiar with the AYSA Rules and will abide by them and acknowledges that coaching in the soccer program is a privilege and not a right.

Each Coach will ensure that his/her conduct sets a good example for team members and spectators. To meet these responsibilities, the Coach will:

1. Portray a positive role model for youth by maintaining an attitude of respect, loyalty, patience, courtesy, tact, and maturity.
2. Treat all players with respect and consideration and treat all players equally regardless of sex, race, religion, culture.
3. Respect opposing players, coaches and spectators. Be gracious in victory and dignified in defeat.
4. Respect the game officials. Refrain from questioning their decisions or challenging their authority.
5. Support other VHSC coaches, teams, and players.
6. Understand the laws of the game and ensure that players understand and follow them.
7. Use positive techniques of guidance, including redirection, positive reinforcement and encouragement rather than competition, comparison and criticism. Coaching from the sidelines during games should be limited, specific and positive.
8. Be punctual and prepared for all training sessions and games.
9. Not use abusive or profane language.
10. Do not leave any training sessions or games until all players have been picked up.
11. Be neat and clean and wear VHSC attire to all training sessions and games in accordance with Club uniform contracts.
12. Not use tobacco, alcohol, or illegal substances during any training sessions and games.
13. Not engage in any type of abusive conduct or improper contact or relationships with players.
14. Adhere to the VHSC Goal Safety Policy and other policies established by VHSC at all times.

I understand that any violation of this Code of Conduct may result in termination.

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Date

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Coach