



Valley Soccer Club Code of Conduct for Coaches, Players and Parents

EXPECTATIONS OF COACHES:

- A. Always set a good example for players and parents to follow, exemplifying high moral and ethical behavior.
- B. Instruct players in proper sportsmanship and practice responsibilities and demand that they make sportsmanship and teamwork their #1 and #2 priorities.
- C. Respect judgment of referees, abide by rules of the game and display no behavior that could incite players or parents (ex. questioning calls, gestures, etc).
- D. Treat opposing coach, players and fans and with respect. Shake hands with officials and opposing coach before and after each game.
- E. Develop and enforce penalties/ramifications for players who do not abide by sportsmanship and practice standards.
- F. Develop each player to his fullest potential, giving candid feedback on strengths as well as opportunities to improve.
- G. Develop creative, structured and FUN practice sessions.
- H. Keep parents informed on practices, games, directions, etc.

EXPECTATIONS OF PLAYERS:

- A. Accept seriously the responsibility and privilege of representing Valley Soccer Club and display positive public action at all times.
- B. Demonstrate respect for opponents, coaches and referees before, during and after games.
- C. Live up to high standards of sportsmanship.
- D. Treat opponents with respect: shake hands after games and take a knee quickly when they are injured. Clap when they leave the field.
- E. Respect judgment of referees, abide by rules of the games and display no behavior that could incite fans (ex. questioning calls, gestures, taunting, "show-boating" etc.).
- F. Cooperate with referees, coaches and fellow participants to conduct a fair game.
- G. Accept favorable and unfavorable decisions, as well as victory and defeat, with equal grace.
- H. Come prepared each week to practice (ball, water, shin guards and cleats)

EXPECTATIONS OF PARENTS AND OTHER FANS:

- A. Support the team and coaches
- B. Respect decisions made by referees- do not speak to them.
- C. Respect opposing fans, coaches and participants.
- D. We have coaches on the sidelines. Please try not to confuse kids on the field by yelling out instructions.

COMMUNICATION PARENTS SHOULD EXPECT FOR THE COACH:

- A. Philosophy and goals of the program
- B. Coach expectations for individual players and the team
- C. Location and times of practices and games
- D. Team rules and guidelines
- E. Procedures to be followed if a player is injured during participation (Note: Any child exhibiting signs of a concussion- nausea, dizziness, etc.- will not be put back into the game and will require a note from his doctor clearing him for participation in future practices and games. No exceptions!)

COMMUNICATION PARENTS SHOULD EXPECT FROM PLAYERS AND PARENTS:

- A. Concerns expressed directly to the Head Coach and Assistant Coach
- B. Notification of any schedule conflicts in advance
- C. Notification of illness or injury as soon as possible

APPROPRIATE CONCERNS FOR DISCUSSION WITH COACHES

- A. The treatment of your child
- B. Methods to help your child improve his/her skills
- C. Concerns about a player's behavior

ISSUES NOT APPROPRIATE FOR DISCUSSION WITH COACHES:

While the coaches are committed to open communication with parents, there is a certain process that should be observed. In particular, the time before and during a game is dedicated to the players. It is not appropriate for a parent to approach a coach to discuss game or individual player concerns at this time. The coach will be happy to set up a meeting/phone call to address parent concerns at a time that will not interfere with the attention required by the players. An exception to this request is an incident when a player is injured. The coaches will be available immediately after a game to discuss the situation and any concerns with parents.

Thank you
Valley Soccer Club