



COACHES' CODE OF CONDUCT

The primary responsibility of the youth soccer coach is to provide a safe and enjoyable learning environment for all the players while upholding the spirit of the game. By volunteering to coach, I agree to the following:

SPECTATORS

As leader of the team, I acknowledge that I am responsible to the referee for the sportsmanlike conduct of my spectators. I will encourage them to cheer good plays by either team. I understand that spectator misconduct may result in game suspension, termination, and eventual forfeiture (as per FIFA Law V).

REFEREE

I recognize the difficult nature of the referee's job and that even the best referees make mistakes. Therefore, I will not allow comments from players, assistant coaches, or myself. I recognize that negative comments undermine the referee's authority in the eyes of the players and that I will work with the referee and support all the league Laws/rules to help ensure the safety of all players and maintain the spirit of fair play. (Dissent or use of foul or abusive language is punishable under FIFA Law XII and all Zero tolerance policies that apply).

FELLOW COACHES

I will treat all my fellow coaches in a friendly, dignified, and sportsmanlike manner. I recognize the need to work with them to create a fair, enjoyable, and safe game environment for the players and the spectators.

PLAYER TREATMENT

I will treat all players with dignity and respect at all times. I will not humiliate or intimidate them in anyway. Further, I will respect their intelligence, their need to develop their own decision-making ability, and my own ability to effectively coach during practices. I will demonstrate this respect by refraining from continuously giving instructions from the sidelines during the game (as per FIFA Law V, especially as defined by Decision 12 of the International F.A. Board).

PLAYING TIME

I will ensure that all players who meet the preceding week's practice requirements and arrive at the field on time will play a minimum of one half of the total elapsed

time of the game. This rule may be waived in certain instances such as tournaments and competitive championships, but the spirit of the commitment to each player as an individual should be maintained at all times.

GOAL MARGIN

Recognizing that it is part of my job to keep the game fun for all players I will try not to defeat another team by more than a 5-goal margin. This rule may be waived during certain competitions that reward points for goal margin.

DISCIPLINARY REVIEW

If a complaint (other than a Zero Tolerance violation) is made to the Marlboro Youth Soccer Association (MYSA) regarding the conduct of a coach, player, or spectator from which disciplinary action could result, then that person has the right to timely notice of a formal review so that they may be present to explain their actions. I understand that if I am found to be in violation of this Code, or of committing other misconduct that brings disrespect upon myself, my team, or the Association, that the MYSA Board of Directors, by a majority vote, may take appropriate measures to prevent such reoccurrences.

ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY

I have read (signed if required) and agree to abide by the Zero Tolerance Policy of MYSA, BAYS and any other league/tournament in which the team plays.

CONCLUSION

It is expected that all participants in Marlboro Youth Soccer will take the time to read and understand the FIFA Laws, the rules appropriate to the league in which they are playing, and strive to obey them. Further, it is the responsibility of the coach to learn, teach, and adhere to the subtle points that differentiate the spirit of the game of soccer from accepted behavior in some other sports.