



## PYSL Code of Conduct

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**PYSL is very proud to have an amazing community of parents and volunteer coaches who are dedicated to our goals of providing a friendly, noncompetitive and age-appropriate recreational soccer experience for all. Listed below are the ethics codes by which both coaches and parents are expected to abide.**

**If you witness inappropriate behavior at our practices or games, please let us know about it. It's our job to address it.**

### Code of Ethics for Coaches

**As a PYSL coach, I will:**

- Consider it an honor and a privilege to coach the young people of our community.
- Keep in mind at all times that I am a youth sports coach and that the recreational experience is for the children, not for the adults.
- Use positive coaching methods to make the experience enjoyable for my players, increase their self-esteem and foster in them a true sense of enjoyment of the sport in which they are engaged.
- Treat officials with respect and dignity, and instruct my players and their parents to do the same.
- Treat opposing coaches and opposing players with respect and dignity and encourage my players and my players' parents to do the same.
- Model grace, dignity and composure regardless of the outcome of the game.
- Observe all player participation rules and strive to make each player feel as if he/she is a valuable member of the team regardless of any physical or developmental limitations he/she may have.
- Teach the principles of fair play and sportsmanship to my players and model these principles for them at all times.
- Strive to learn the rules of the game and teach those rules to my players and their parents as best I can.
- Encourage safe play at all times and report any unsafe playing conditions to the PYSL as soon as I am able.
- Not engage in any manner of personal abuse and harassment of others, whether verbal, physical, emotional or sexual.
- Not use any illegal substances or tobacco products, or imbibing alcohol in the presence of my players or on school or park property.
- Report any conduct that violates this code or adversely affects the positive, kid-friendly environment of the PYSL.
- Agree to abide by and follow the PYSL Coaches' Code of Ethics.

## **Code of Ethics for Parents**

As a PYSL parent, I promise to support the goals of the PYSL, which include teaching youth to work together cooperatively and develop self-esteem and sports skills through game play, and, above all, to have fun. Furthermore, I understand that, as a spectator, if my conduct or language is deemed to be unsportsmanlike by the PYSL, I may be asked to leave the playing area in which my son's or daughter's games are being held.