



## **Code of Conduct**

This document presents the expectations for conduct from athletes, parents, and coaches registered with the Alamo Area Youth Soccer Association (AAYSA). AAYSA holds athletes, parents, guardians, coaches, and community members to a high standard of sportsmanship. Enforcing this Code of Conduct allows Alamo Area Youth Soccer Association to promote a safe, rewarding, and fun sports experience for our entire community.

Please read the document carefully before registering for each season. Each participant and coach/team manager is required to acknowledge the Code of Conduct online before the season begins and must abide by the Code of Conduct throughout the entire seasonal year.

Violations of the Code of Conduct will result in disciplinary action consistent with USYS disciplinary actions including suspension - either temporarily or permanently as determined by the Board of Directors.



## **Code of Conduct for Coaches, Team Managers, Team Officials**

- I will coach with the goal of creating a positive learning experience for athletes.
- I recognize that winning games is secondary to the development of the players.
- I will create a positive youth sports experience for my players, the parents of my players, and opposing teams.
- I will put the emotional and physical well-being of youth participants ahead of winning.
- I will maintain control of my emotions and avoid actions, language, and/or gestures that may be interpreted as hostile or humiliating.
- I will follow all safety protocols of the league.
- I will under no circumstances engage in an argument with a referee, official, or opposing team's coach/team manager. Any discussions or conversations with officials, referees, or opposing teams coach/team manager will be in a respectful tone.
- I will not allow parents to approach me directly after a game. There should be a period of 48 hours to decompress before any discussion of a game.
- I will not belittle or ridicule anyone involved in a youth sporting event-in public, private, in person, or online.
- I will treat opposing coaches/team managers and athletes with respect and represent my community in a positive manner.
- I will not approach other teams' players during the season (recruiting during the season is prohibited).
- I will teach my players to be humble and generous in victory and proud and courteous in defeat.
- I will realize, accept, and practice the principle that a team's reputation is built not only on its playing ability, but also on its sportsmanship, courtesy, and manners.
- I accept that the parent's actions on the sideline are my responsibility at any sanctioned game/tournament and they can be asked to leave the premises by me. If they do not leave the referee may/will abandon the game.