

BYSA – Parent Code of Conduct

1. **FUN** Realize that the purpose of youth soccer is to promote the physical, mental, moral, social and emotional well-being of the individual players. The process of self-improvement is far more important than wins or losses.
2. **LEARN** the laws of the game and any modified league rules. Parents are also asked to know club policies and abide by them.
3. **EFFORT** Support the learning effort of the players, the coaches and the referees by demonstrating patience. Recognize that coaches are community volunteers and that many referees are teenagers.
4. **TEAMWORK** Understanding the Player-Parent-Coach relationship is fundamental to the development of each player. The role of the coach is to teach the game to the players; the role of the parents is to be supportive of both the player and the coach. Refrain from "coaching" your player or the team from the sidelines during practices and games. Please communicate to the coaches any problems that may arise during the season.
5. **SPORTSMANSHIP** Demonstrate sportsmanship during and after each and every match. Cheer for your child's team at all games in a positive manner and within the spirit of fair play. Do your best to cheer the effort regardless of the outcome. Show courtesy to opposing teams and coaches. Cheering good play by the opposing team is encouraged; they are not the enemy.
6. **RESPECT** Always show respect for all players, coaches, fans and officials regardless of race, gender, creed or ability. Respect the integrity and judgment of the referee and the coaches. Refrain from questioning their decisions or addressing them in an abusive manner.
7. **BEHAVIOR** Maintain control of your emotions and actions at all times. Avoid actions and gestures that may be interpreted as hostile or humiliating by anyone. Refrain from negative or abusive remarks. No player, coach, or parent of BYSA shall engage in or knowingly tolerate any behavior such as harassment, intimidation, bullying or cyber bullying on or off the field as it relates to any teammates, other youth, other teams, referees, or coaches.
8. **PUNCTUALITY** Be on time for games and practice. Whenever possible, give your coach 24 hour notice if you'll be late or unable to attend an event.
9. **READINESS** Ensure your child has the proper equipment – shin guards, proper footwear and water bottle. Make sure your child wears the complete team uniform to all games. For safety reasons, the wearing of jewelry for all practices and games is strictly forbidden.
10. **RESPONSIBILITY** Children need adult role models they can respect. Be generous with your praise when it is deserved and set a good example.
11. **SAFETY** Do not encourage or promote behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and well-being of players. Make sure you coach is aware of any medical conditions your player may have.