

## **BYSA – Player Code of Conduct**

1. **FUN** Play the game of Soccer for your enjoyment, not just to please Parents or Coaches.
2. **LEARN** the game of soccer – both its laws and fundamental techniques. Understanding the laws and mastering the techniques requires patience and practice but will ultimately lead to a greater love of the game.
3. **EFFORT** Give your best effort always. Work equally hard for team and self. Realize that hard work will bring about the best results for you and the team.
4. **TEAMWORK** Appreciate the fundamentals of teamwork. Use team play to accomplish your objectives. It takes effort from every individual to be successful as a team.
5. **SPORTSMANSHIP** Play the game fairly. Show good sportsmanship before, during and after games. Understand that soccer is a game, and that the players on the other team are your opponents, not your enemies.
6. **RESPECT** Show respect for authority of the referees and coaches by following their instruction. Refrain from addressing and commenting on their decisions during and after the game. Dissent is not acceptable.
7. **BEHAVIOR** Maintain control of emotions. Abusive or profane language, taunting and other inappropriate behavior towards opponents, referees, coaches, spectators and self is never permitted. Inappropriate behavior reflects poorly on the club, the team, the community, your family and most of all, you. No player, coach, or parent associated with 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** Inform your coach or manager in advance if you will be absent or late to a scheduled practice or game. Timeliness is a necessary part of successful team experience. Whenever possible, please give your coach a 24 hour notice.
9. **READINESS** Always come fully prepared for practices and games. Bring your ball, enough water, shin guards, proper clothing and approved footwear. For games, always wear your official uniform – jersey, shorts and socks.
10. **RESPONSIBILITY** Take care of equipment, fields and associated facilities. Damaging any property is not allowed. Keep all facilities clean by picking up after yourselves.
11. **SAFETY** first. Let your coach know if you are injured or not feeling well. Your coach is responsible for your safety and needs to know when you require assistance. Help your coaches and the referees make the game safe by avoiding reckless play and informing them of dangerous objects on or near the field. Jewelry or any other dangerous items cannot be worn during practice sessions or games.