

**MYA Soccer Coach Code of Conduct**  
**ZERO Tolerance**

- All persons wishing to coach must have an approved KidSafe account. No potential coach shall receive a player roster or be allowed to coach without an approved Kidsafe account.
- No Coach should conduct a practice without at least one other adult being present (assistant coach or parent).
- No player is allowed to be left alone on the field.
- All electronic communication between a coach and a player must include a player's parent/guardian.
- Coaches are expected to be present at all games and practices. If absent, coaches must provide the name of their substitute to their age group coordinators and players parents.
- Yelling, criticising, harassing, intimidating, sarcasm and/or feedback directed at the Referee is strictly prohibited both during and after games.
- Vulgar, degrading, obscene language and conduct including yelling, hollering, and screaming negative comments will not be allowed.
- Encouragement of unsafe play, foul conduct, and/or cheating is prohibited.
- The use of alcohol, tobacco, or illegal drugs during MYA activities, including practices is prohibited.
- If coaches have questions regarding particular calls, rules, or a referee, or wish to give feedback regarding a spectator, referee, parent or fellow coach, please contact the Rec Director at [recreation@myasoccer.org](mailto:recreation@myasoccer.org). Failure to comply with any of the above is grounds for immediate dismissal from the field and expulsion from the program.
- Safety
- It is recommended coaches become certified in basic first aid and be prepared to handle first aid situations and medical emergencies at all practices and games.
- Inspect players' equipment and field conditions for safety reasons prior to any practices and games. Notify division coordinators immediately about any hazards in your practice or playing fields.
- Instruct players regarding safe techniques and methods of play. Supervise your players to avoid injury situations if possible. **Ethics**
- Be a positive role model.
- Treat referees with respect and accept any decision given and expect the same from both players and spectators.
- Set the standard for sportsmanship by stressing fair play whether winning or losing with opponents, referees, administrators, and spectators.
- Do not run up the score. Doing so discourages players. Tips on how to balance out play are posted on the MYA Soccer website under the Coach's Section.
- Know and follow all rules and policies set forth by the MYA and/or travel leagues, as well as state and national associations.
- Work in the spirit of cooperation with officials, administrators, coaches, and spectators to provide all participants with the maximum opportunity to develop.
- Know and understand the Laws of the Game posted on the MYA Soccer website under the Coach's Section.
- Continue your own education in the sport to improve your skills as a coach.
- Use of email and phone calls are the preferred and encouraged forms of communications with parents/players. Social media (Facebook, Twitter, Snapchat, Instagram, etc.) are **not** encouraged forms to communicate with your players and their parents. **Player Development**
- Keep the importance of winning and losing in proper perspective and develop the players' appreciation of the game.
- Be sensitive to each child's development needs and allow players to experience all field positions.
- The goal is for players to have fun and receive positive feedback. Practice should be conducted in the spirit of enjoyment and learning.
- Provide appropriate number and length of practice sessions according to the players' stage of development.
- Educate the players to the technical, tactical, physical and psychological demands of the game for their level of play.
- Strive to help each player reach his or her full potential and be prepared to move to the next level.