** Capital District Youth Soccer League**

**Codes of Conduct:**

**1. Coaches’ Code of Conduct**

a. Coaches will always be fair, firm, and consistent.

b. Coaches will promote a positive attitude and lead by example.

c. Coaches will not argue with parents or officials and will always demonstrate good sportsmanship.

d. Coaches will do the best they can to ensure each athlete is both physically and mentally ready for whatever task is asked of them.

e. Coaches will adhere to the policies and procedures of CDYSL and set proper examples for everyone to follow.

f. Coaches will stress teamwork and respect for every athlete.

g. Coaches will allow each athlete the opportunity to compete and excel.

h. Coaches will display control, respect, dignity, and professionalism to all involved with soccer; this includes but is not limited to officials, opponents, coaches, administrators, parents, spectators and the media.

i. Coaches will ensure that coaching or training activities take place in a safe environment and are appropriate for the age, maturity, experience, and ability of the players; this should include establishing a system within their team to encourage and invite discussions about bullying.

j. Coaches must encourage other players to take an active role in stopping bullying behavior on their team.

k. Coaches will never strike, shove, and threaten to strike, or lay a hand upon an official, player or spectator.

l. Coaches will never coach or train while under the influence of alcohol or drugs or allow a player to train or play as well.

m. Coaches will never use trash talk, profane, obscene, or vulgar language under any circumstance.

**2. Players’ Code of Conduct**

a. Players will play by the Laws of the Game.

b. Players will control their temper; most of all, resist the temptation to retaliate when you feel you have been wronged. It is every player’s right to an environment which is safe and secure.

c. Players will be good sports by cheering all good plays, whether it is your team or your opponents.

d. Players will treat all players as they would like to be treated, respecting every individual’s feeling and capability.

e. Players will cooperate with your coaches, teammates, opponents, and referees.

f. Players will remember that soccer is a team game and encourage teammates as every player makes mistakes and has off days; recognize each players’ importance as a teammate or opponent.

g. Players should demonstrate leadership by treating all players with respect regardless of differences in level of play and ability

h. Players will never use degrading, humiliating and/or profane language on and off the field, directed at another player or person; this is STRICTLY PROHIBITED. Players will never use unnecessary rough tactics during the course of the game.

i. Players will never appear in the contest area under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

j. Players must always abide by the official’s decision.

**3. Parents’ Code of Conduct**

a. Parents serve as a role model for their children. Become aware of this and work to be a positive role model. Applaud good plays by both teams.

b. Parents should refrain from coaching or refereeing from the sidelines.

c. Parents will not embarrass their child by yelling at players, coaches, or officials. By showing a positive attitude toward the game and all its participants, your child will benefit.

d. Parents will emphasize skill development and practices and how they benefit your athlete; de-emphasize games in the lower age groups.

e. Parents should support the efforts of the volunteer coaches and the league.

f. Parents will never use profanity, drugs, alcohol and tobacco during any game or training session.

g. Parents will always show good sportsmanship and set an example for their child.

h. Parents will ask their child to treat other players, coaches, fans, and officials with respect regardless of race, sex, creed, or ability.

i. Parents must encourage their player to take an active role in stopping bullying behavior on their team. j. Parents will place the emotional and physical well-being of their child ahead of their personal desire to win.

k. Parents will never strike, shove, and threaten to strike, or lay a hand upon an official, player or spectator.

**4. Code of Conduct for Directors, Volunteers and Spectators**

a. Regardless of the time and sacrifices devoted, no director, officer or volunteer of the CDYSL league will receive any financial benefit or credit for their volunteer services.

b. Organizational goals will be before personal goals.  Put the best interest of the entire program ahead of individual desires.  We are here to serve all the children with quality programs.

c. Minimize complaints and pettiness.  Look for ways to improve the organization rather than pointing fingers.

d. Speak up when you have questions or disagree but support the final decision of the organization.

e. Look at problems for an organization-wide perspective.  Focus on the best interest of all the children and youth sports in general.

f. Treat your colleagues respectfully.  Give your colleagues the benefit of the doubt.  Do not jump to conclusions.  They are just like you doing their best to help build a quality program for kids.

g. Conflicts should focus on issues, not personalities of individuals. Courtesy goes a long way towards building harmony and cooperation.