

**Responsibilities regarding Scouting and Recruiting:**

- All USYSNV rules pertaining to recruiting shall be strictly observed by coach, manager, and any team representative.
- It is inappropriate to recruit player(s) actively playing for another team.
- It is unethical for a player to be recruited or enticed from the Olympic Development Program (ODP) setting either by the ODP coach or any other coach, manager, player, parent, or team representative.
- When discussing the advantages of his/her organization, the coach has an obligation to be forthright and refrain from making derogatory remarks regarding other coaches, teams, or organizations.
- It is unethical for a coach to make a statement to a prospective athlete that cannot be fulfilled. It is illegal to promise any kind of compensation or inducement for play and to deliver same.
- Coaches shall not scout any team by any means whatsoever, except in regularly scheduled games.

**Responsibilities of Public Relations:**

- Coaches have a responsibility to promote the game of soccer to the public. Comments and critiques of governing bodies, teams, coaches, players, parents or media should be positive and constructive.
- Coaches have the responsibility to assist their players in conducting themselves properly when in public representing their team, member association and USYSNV.
- Coaches must not attempt to influence member associations or USYSNV in political or financial dealings outside the framework of their own rules and by-laws.

**Other Responsibilities:**

- A coach's behavior must be such as to bring credit to himself/herself, the organization, and the sport of soccer.
- While the concept of rivalry is embraced, it cannot take precedence over exemplary professional conduct.
- The attitude and conduct of the coach toward officials, players, spectators and other coaches should be controlled and undemonstrative.
- It is unacceptable for a coach to have any verbal altercation with an opposing coach or bench before, during or after the game.
- Coaches must use their influence on his/her spectators that demonstrate intimidating and/or unacceptable behavior towards officials, player(s), or opposing team members.

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Coach Name (Please Print)

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Team Name

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Age Group

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Coach Signature

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Date

## **COACHES CODE OF ETHICS**

This code of ethics clarifies and distinguishes approved and accepted professional and ethical behavior from that which is detrimental to the development of soccer within United States Youth Soccer Nevada.

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### **Responsibilities to Players:**

- The coach shall never place the value of winning over the safety and welfare of players.
- Coaches shall instruct players to play within the written laws of the game and within the spirit of the game at all times.
- Coaches shall not teach deliberate unsportsmanlike behavior to player.
- Coaches shall not tolerate inappropriate behavior from players regardless of the situation.
- Demands on players' time should never be so extensive as to interfere with academic goals or progress.
- Coaches must never encourage players to violate USYSNV recruitment, eligibility or player rules and policies.
- Coaches should direct players to seek proper medical attention for injuries and to follow medical personnel's instructions regarding treatment and recovery.

### **Responsibilities to USYSNV and Member Associations:**

- Adherence to all USYSNV and Member Association rules and policies, especially those regarding eligibility, team formation and recruiting are mandatory and should never be violated. It is the responsibility of each coach to know and understand these rules.
- Any problems that cannot be resolved between coaches should be referred to the appropriate USYSNV or Member Association officer or committee.

### **Responsibilities to the Laws of the Game:**

- Coaches should be thoroughly acquainted with and demonstrate a working knowledge of the Laws of the Game.
- Coaches are responsible to assure their players understand the intent as well as the application of the Laws.
- Coaches must adhere to the letter and the spirit of the Laws of the Game.
- The coach must constantly strive to teach good sporting behavior.

### **Responsibilities to Officials:**

- Officials must have the support of coaches, players, and spectators. Coaches must always refrain from criticizing officials in the presence of players or spectators.
- Professional respect before, during, and after the game should be mutual. There should be no demeaning dialogue or gestures between officials, coach and player.
- Coaches must not incite players or spectators or attempt to disrupt the flow of the game.
- Comments regarding an official should be made in writing to the appropriate organization assigning the official.