



SLPSA Coach Code of Conduct

Achieving a high level of sportsmanship from our players starts with you! Coaching soccer in the St. Louis Park Soccer Association and with the Minnesota Youth Soccer Association (MYSA) is **a privilege and not a right**. Soccer is the player's game. The paramount concern of coaches is the holistic development, welfare, enjoyment and safety of their players.

The Club is dependent on the coaches to set an example for players, parents, spectators and officials. Listed below are behaviors you are expected to exhibit at all times.

1. **I will** observe the laws of the game at all times and the highest level of sportsmanship. I bear responsibility for teaching players **to strive for success while playing fairly**. I will instruct my players to play with intensity, purpose and fairness at all times.
2. **I will treat officials with respect and dignity**, and will teach my players to do the same. **I will** shake hands at the completion of the game. I will remember that they are in control of the field and acknowledge that they are human and will make mistakes. Open confrontation with the officials in the end will not serve my team well. The officials will have the last word even if it results in my being sent off the field.
3. **Our opponents are worthy of being treated with respect**. I will model such respect for opponents and expect my players to do like wise.
4. In both victory and defeat, **my behavior will model grace, dignity and composure**. I will control my language and not use foul or inappropriate language while participating in soccer related activities.
5. I will **model inclusive behavior**, actively supporting cultural diversity while opposing all types of discrimination, including but not limited to, racism and sexism, at all levels of the game.
6. **I am responsible** for taking an active role in education about, and prevention and treatment of drug, alcohol and tobacco abuse; both in my life and my players lives.
7. I will do my best to ensure **the health, safety and well being of all players**. I will refrain from all manner of personal abuse and harassment of others, whether verbal, physical, emotional or sexual and shall oppose such abuse and harassment at all levels of the game.
8. I will **respect** the declared affiliations of all players.
9. I will be **committed to improving my soccer knowledge**.
10. **I will adhere to the highest standards and the regulations of MYSA**. I will seek to honor those who uphold the highest standards and principles of soccer and will use appropriate protocol to oppose and eliminate all behavior that brings disrepute to the sport- violence, abuse, dishonesty, disrespect and violations of the laws of the game and rules governing competition.
11. I agree to **abide by the MYSA guidelines** entitled *MYSA Player/Adult Protection Guidelines* that were provided to me.