

## Valley United Soccer Club: Coach Code of Conduct

*This form must be signed before each soccer season, and then submitted to the team manager.*

1. I understand that all coaches coach at the discretion of VUSC.
2. I will place the emotional and physical well-being of my players ahead of any personal desire to win.
3. I will remember to treat each player as an individual, remembering the large spread of emotional and physical development within a single age group.
4. I will do my best to provide a safe playing situation for my players.
5. I will do my best to organize practices that are fun and challenging for all my players.
6. I will lead by example, in demonstrating fair play and sportsmanship to all my players. All participants should be humble and generous in victory and proud and courteous in defeat.
7. I will respect the coaches and players of the opposing team and display positive sporting behavior at the conclusion of a game.
8. I will be tolerant of the referees' calls, whether I agree with them or not. I will ensure that my players do the same. I will not berate a referee, threaten, curse at them, or in any way physically or verbally abuse them, regardless of their age. The referee is not obligated to delay the progress of a game to explain their calls to anyone, including the coach.
9. I will use the VUSC escalation process for any complaints about officials or referees.
10. I will insure that I am knowledgeable in the rules of soccer, and that I will teach these rules to my players.
11. I will remember that I am a youth coach, and that the game is for children and not adults.

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Coach Name/Signature

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Date

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Team