



## QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY INDEPENDENT YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION, INC. CODE OF CONDUCT

As a **Player**, I understand that I must follow these rules to stay in good standing with the league and be eligible to play:

1. Respect the game, play fairly, and follow all rules and regulations
2. Show respect for authority to the officials of the game and of the league
3. Demonstrate good sportsmanship before, during, and after games
4. Help parents and fans understand the league's rules so they can observe and enjoy the game
5. Be courteous to opposing teams and treat all players and coaches with respect
6. Be modest when successful and be gracious in defeat
7. Respect the privilege of the use of public facilities
8. Refrain from the use of drugs, tobacco, alcohol, and abusive or insulting language

As a **Parent/Guardian**, I recognize that parents/guardians are the most important role models for their children, and that sports help to develop a sense of teamwork, self-worth, and sportsmanship. As such, I agree to abide by the following:

1. Encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive attitude toward all players, coaches, fans, and officials at games, practices, and other sporting events
2. Encourage the definition of success by measuring development of skills, not by wins or losses
3. Place the well-being of my child before a personal desire to win
4. Advocate a sports environment for my child that is free of drugs, tobacco, alcohol, and abusive or insulting language and refrain from their use during youth sporting events
5. Demonstrate knowledge of and comply with the rules, policies, and procedures of the league
6. Encourage my child to play by the rules and respect the rights of other players, coaches, fans, and officials
7. Promote appropriate behavior, refrain from any activity that may be detrimental or reflect adversely on a player, their team, or the league
8. Allow and trust the coaches and officials to perform to the full extent of their abilities, without hinderance from personal opinions
9. Address concerns with the coach only at an appropriate time and place, as necessary

As a **Coach**, I recognize that coaches are role models for their team members and all participants involved in the activity and that sports help to develop a sense of teamwork, self worth and sportsmanship. As such, I agree to abide by the following:

1. Place the emotional and physical well-being of my players above all other considerations, never placing the value or winning over the safety and welfare of players
2. Do my best to provide a safe playing environment for all participants
3. Lead by example, by demonstrating fair play and sportsmanship to all involved
4. Provide a sports environment for my team that is free of drugs, tobacco, alcohol, and abusive or insulting language, and refrain from their use at all sporting events
5. Respect the game and league officials and communicate with them in an appropriate manner
6. Demonstrate knowledge of and comply with the rules, policies, and procedures of the league and teach these rules to all players on my team
7. Encourage my team members to play by the league rules and respect the rights of other players, coaches, fans, and officials
8. Be responsible for my own behavior and the behavior of my team members, their parents, and fans
9. Encourage and guide players to accept responsibility for their own behavior and performance
10. Ensure that the activities they institute are appropriate for the age, maturity, experience, and ability of players
11. Promote positive aspects of the sport and never condone violations of the Laws of the Game, behavior to the contrary to the spirit of the Laws of the Game or relevant rules and regulations or the use of prohibited substances or techniques