

Verona Area Soccer Club

Coach's Code of Conduct

The Verona Area Soccer Club (VASC or the Club) is concerned about the conduct of all coaches during games at all levels, from purely recreational to highly competitive.

We want to ensure that games are fair, positive and enjoyable experiences for all of the children and adults involved. A soccer game should be friendly and unifying - a spirited social and athletic occasion for players, coaches, referees and spectators.

Recognizing the impact of the coach on his/her players, parents and even the referee of a match, we expect all coaches to abide by the following Code of Conduct:

- I will be an example of dignity, patience and positive spirit, before, during and after the game.
- I will create a safe, healthy, positive environment for my players and their opponents at all times.
- I will teach players safe techniques and methods of play. I will conduct my practices in the spirit of enjoyment and learning.
- I will teach my players and their families that winning is NEVER more important than good sportsmanship.
- I will work to develop a high standard of character in my players and myself while developing a higher standard of play.
- I will introduce myself to the opposing coach and to the referee before a game.
- I will be responsible for the sportsmanship of my players. If one of my players is disrespectful, irresponsible or overly aggressive, I will take the player out of the game enough for him/her to calm down.
- I will be responsible for the conduct of the parents of my players. It is imperative to explain acceptable player and parent behavior in a preseason meeting, and to deal with problems that may occur in the "heat of the game."
- I will encourage spectators and players to applaud and cheer for good plays by either team and discourage them from yelling at players and the referee.
- I will be responsible for the conduct of spectators rooting for my team.
- I will not address the referee at all during the game. If I have a small issue, I will discuss it with the referee calmly and patiently after the game.
- If I have a major complaint, or if I think the referee was unfair, biased, unfit or incompetent, I will report my opinion to the club and to the Madison Area Youth Soccer Association (MAYSA).
- I will thank the referee and ask my players to do the same, after the game.
- I will demand a sports environment for my players that is free from profanity, drugs, tobacco, and alcohol and I will refrain from their use at all sports events.
- I am aware that MAYSA, of which the VASC is a member, has similar conduct codes and will respect them as well.
- I also understand that the referee assigned is in charge of the game and, if asked to leave the game or the park, I must follow the request of the referee.

Think about what you're doing during a game! Uphold the Spirit of the Game!

I have read and I understand the above statements and I agree to conduct myself in a manner that demonstrates the standards established in the Coach's Code of Conduct. I understand that if I fail to follow these guidelines, the disciplinary procedures could include:

- Verbal warning from either the Club or associations of which it is a member.
- Written warning from either the Club or associations of which it is a member.
- Game suspension with written documentation of incident kept on file by organizations involved.
- Season suspension with written documentation of incident kept on file by organizations involved.
- Removal of coaching privileges within the club.

SIGNATURE: _____ Date: _____

PRINT NAME: _____

TEAM NAME: _____ AGE GROUP: _____