



## **SYSA COACHES** **CODE OF CONDUCT AGREEMENT**

This code of conduct has been developed to clarify and distinguish approved and accepted professional, ethical and moral behavior from that which is detrimental to the development of soccer within the Washington Youth Soccer (WYS) and Seattle Youth Soccer Association (SYSA).

### **Responsibility to Players**

I will actively create an environment that is welcoming and inclusive for players.

I will place the safety and welfare of players over the value of winning.

I will instruct players to play within the written laws of the game and within the spirit of the game at all times. I will not seek unfair advantage by deliberately teaching unethical, dishonorable, dangerous behaviors and will not tolerate inappropriate behavior from players regardless of the situation.

Demands on players' time will never be so extensive as to interfere with their academic goals or progress.

I will direct players along with their parents or guardians to seek proper medical attention for injuries, or probable injuries including following concussion protocols, and follow instructions from medical personnel regarding treatment, recovery and return to play.

I pledge to treat everyone with respect and dignity. I will not tolerate racism or discrimination of any kind. Should I witness racial or discriminatory behavior, I shall report it to the appropriate SYSA leadership in a timely manner.

### **Responsibility to WYS and SYSA**

I will adhere to all WYS and SYSA rules and policies, especially those regarding eligibility, team formation and recruiting. I understand these are mandatory and should never be violated and it is my responsibility to know and understand these rules. I will not knowingly use a player not registered with the team and understand that I can be suspended for the balance of the season and for one year thereafter if I do so.

### **Responsibility to the USSF Laws of the Game**

I am thoroughly acquainted with and can demonstrate a working knowledge of the USSF [Laws of the Game](#), as well as

I understand my responsibility to ensure my players understand the intent as well as the application of the Laws.

I understand I am responsible for my players' actions on the field, and I will not permit them to play with the intent of causing injury to opposing players.

### **Responsibility to Officials**

I understand that the officials must have the support of coaches, players and spectators. I will refrain from criticizing officials in the presence of players or spectators. Professional respect, before, during and after the game, should be mutual.

If I have comments regarding an official these will be made in writing to the organization assigning the official. My behavior as a coach must be such as to bring credit to myself, SYSA and the sport of soccer. I will use my position as coach to positively influence behavior that upholds SYSA and WYS standards of the game, when confronted with spectators who demonstrate intimidating and/or aggressive, or inappropriate behavior towards officials, players and/or opposing team members, coaches and/or other spectators.

I, the undersigned, have read, understand and agree to abide by this code of conduct. I agree to accept the actions taken for failure to abide by the code of conduct.

Coach Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_