



CODE OF CONDUCT: COACHES

It is a privilege to be a part of the United States Soccer Federation, United States Youth Soccer Association, Kentucky Youth Soccer Association and Oldham Youth Soccer. My action shall always reflection credit upon these organizations and their affiliates.

Coaches and assistance coaches are expected to maintain a higher level of sportsmanship, professionalism and integrity both off and on the field. Coaches' primary responsibility is for his/her players to have fun, to develop soccer players and to instill a passion for the game. Your performance as a coach is not measured in wins and loses but rather in what you teach your players in terms of technique, sportsmanship and fair play. Coaches must maintain respect for the game as well as the referees. Coaches are charged with the responsibility of controlling their players and parents at all times during a match. Coaches lead and teach by example; your players will be a reflection of you.

- Coaches and assistance coaches are expected to have a basic knowledge of the game and to pursue coaching education that will allow them to better develop their players.
- Coaches and assistant coaches should encourage players to participate in the United States Youth Soccer Olympic Development Program at any level to further their development. Further, they should not in anyway discourage players selected to ODP pools or teams from participating in scheduled ODP activities at any level or take any adverse action against them for doing so.
- Coaches and assistance coaches should use positive reinforcement when dealing with players, never use foul or abusive language and never abuse a player mentally, verbally or physically.
- Coaches and assistance coaches are expected to have respect for the authority of the referee and his/her assistance's. They will not harass, abuse or berate the referee during or after the match. They shall not enter the field of play with out the referee's permission.
- Coaches and assistance coaches are expected to exhibit good sportsmanship both off and on the field. They are to teach his/her players the rules of the game, rules of fair play and proper match behavior