

# OREGON YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION

## BOARD MEMBER CODE OF ETHICS

As a member of the board I will:

- Listen carefully to my teammates, and the constituents I serve.
- Respect the opinion of my fellow board members.
- Respect and support the majority decisions of the board.
- Recognize that all authority is vested in the board when it meets in legal session and not with individual board members.
- Keep well informed of developments that are relevant to issues that may come before the board.
- Participate actively in board meetings and actions.
- Call to the attention of the board any issues that I believe will have an adverse effect on the Association or our constituents.
- Attempt to interpret the needs of constituents to the Association and interpret the action of the Association to its constituents.
- Refer constituent or staff complaints to the proper level on the chain of command.
- Recognize that the board members job is to ensure that the Association is well-managed, not to manage the Association.
- Vote to hire the best possible person to manage the Association.
- Represent all constituents of the Association and not a particular geographical area or special interest groups.
- Consider myself a “trustee” of the Association and do my best to ensure that the Association is well maintained, financially secure, growing and always operating in the best interests of the constituents.
- Always work to learn more about the board member’s job and how to do the job better.
- Declare any conflicts of interest between my personal life and my position on the Association board, and avoid voting on issues that appear to be a conflict of interest.

As a member of the board I will not:

- Be critical, in or outside of the board meeting, of fellow board members.
- Use the Association or any part of the organization for my personal advantage or the personal advantage of my friends or relatives.
- Discuss the confidential proceedings of the board outside the board meeting.
- Promise prior to a meeting how I will vote on any issue in the meeting.
- Interfere with the duties of the executive or undermine the executive’s authority.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_