

OYSA Coach Code of Conduct (Template for club use)

As a soccer coach of kids, I will do my best to create an environment that prioritizes the well-being of the kids on my team. My role as a player-centered coach is to make connections with my kids and create a culture that follows the Core Values of our club.

By agreeing to coach I am agreeing to the following guiding principles:

Create a safe space for players both physically and emotionally.

Ensure that every kid leaves training having had FUN!

Ensure that every kid leaves training having learned something, soccer or life related.

Help foster a love of sport, any sport, and ensure that my kids want to continue playing sports.

Lead by example in all facets of facilitating a team soccer experience.

Facilitate the soccer experience on the kid's terms, not mine.

Will coach in a way that falls in line with the Mission, Vision, and Core Values of my club.

Connect with every player on an individual level. Coach and Connector are synonymous with each other.

Build a positive team culture that has a kid driven set of expectations.

Use only a positive tone of voice, that is encouraging and educational.

The kids own the experience, my voice will only be 25% of the discussions.

I will keep my cell phone in my pocket and only use it in emergencies.

Adversity is a part of life, and my role is to help players understand and grow from adversity.

Will pursue opportunities to further my knowledge of coaching and soccer.

During Training Sessions:

I understand the importance of Free Play and will make sure that we do this every training session.

My planning will do everything possible to allow as much play as possible.

My main toolkit options are Observation, Positive Reinforcement and Guided Discovery.

During Games:

All kids will receive 50% playing time at a minimum.

Kids will be encouraged to try all positions.

I will let the kids own the game by letting them make their own decisions and play freely.

Will do my best to build rapport with the referee and will never yell at them.