

**Stoughton Area Youth Soccer Association (SAYSA)  
Coach Code of Conduct**

SAYSA is dedicated to providing opportunities for youth of all skill levels to learn, develop and play the game of soccer in a fun and safe environment. With this dedication comes the responsibility of teamwork, respect among players, coaches, officials, spectators and most importantly good sportsmanship. SAYSA expects that all coaches are dedicated to these principles and goals and will maintain a high standard of conduct at all times and will enforce each of these principles firmly and fairly.

**COACHES EXPECTATION**

**Be Professional-** All coaches are a representation of SAYSA and are expected to have a positive impact on players, parents and on opposing players and coaches while in Stoughton, in other communities and at tournaments.

**Use of alcohol** or tobacco products are strictly prohibited when in contact with players at all SAYSA practice or games

**Know the rules-** know, understand and uphold the policies set forth by WYSA, MAYSA and SAYSA.

**Certification and Licensing-** All coaches must complete the online entry level as well as pass the Risk Management background check before the start of the season. All coaches are required to have a valid coach pass issued by WYSA.

**RESPECT:**

- a. Respect the game officials at all times. They do an amazing job, but like all of us they are not perfect. Refrain from questioning their decisions before, during or after a game.
- b. Be a role model whether you win or lose. Stay humble in victory and courteous in defeat. Impress on your players and parents the concept of good sportsmanship. Treat all coaches, players and spectators with respect before, during and after the game. Assist officials in maintaining control of spectators during games.

**PARTICIPATION AND BEHAVIOR:**

- a. Soccer is a team sport. Parents and players have agreed to attend practices and games. Coaches are expected to be on time and prepared for all practices and games. Arriving late or missing practices and/or games is unacceptable and may lead to removal as a coach.
- b. Coaches are expected to deal with poor behavior/unsportsmanlike conduct. Discipline may include verbal warnings, sitting out for part or all of a game. All corrective actions will be addressed with the parents or guardians. Extreme cases may lead to removal from SAYSA. Coaches will keep the Age Commissioner informed when discipline is required beyond a verbal warning.

**PLAYER INTERACTION:**

- a. Never be alone -- Under no circumstances will it be allowed for coach or volunteer to be alone with a player who is not their child.
- b. Physical Contact -- All coaches are prohibited from any physical contact with players. Exceptions would include providing medical assistance or an encouraging high five, handshake or a fist bump. Any other physical contact is strictly prohibited and will result in immediate removal from SAYSA.

**PLAYING TIME:**

- a. Recreational Teams --- Players will have equal playing time. Coaches should rotate players often to provide players an opportunity to play all positions.
- b. Competitive Teams -- Players will play in the positions that the coach decides is best for the team. Coaches will work with players to become successful in multiple positions during game play.

**I agree to abide by this Code of Conduct at all times**

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

Coaches Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_