



## **Coach and Manager CODE OF CONDUCT AGREEMENT**

Each Coach or Manager at VAFC has a responsibility to:

1. Practice and play with enthusiasm and with a commitment to improve his or her skills and those of his or her teammates, both individually and as part of a team.
2. Refrain from dangerous behaviour, in practices and games, and to take an active part in ensuring that practices and games take place in a safe environment.
3. Refrain from engaging in horseplay and other conduct that presents a risk of injury to others or that demeans others.
4. Treat other coaches, team officials and club officials with respect, recognizing that almost all of these individuals are volunteers who devote a significant amount of their time to provide playing opportunities for youth soccer players in the club.
5. Recognize that playing a team sport requires a commitment to the team in such ways as:
  - reliability in attendance for practices and games;
  - providing adequate notice of unavoidable absences from practices and games;
  - punctuality;
  - being supportive of teammates, particularly those who are less skillful; and
  - paying attention and displaying a positive attitude during practices and games.
6. Refrain from unsportsmanlike play or conduct.
7. Refrain from criticism of opponents during or after games.
8. Refrain from criticism of referees or other game officials.

As a coach, manager, referee, parent or guardian of a soccer player at VAFC, you have a responsibility to:

1. Remember that your child is involved in organized soccer primarily for their enjoyment, not for yours.
2. Encourage your child and other participants in VAFC soccer to abide by the rules and, in general, emphasize sportsmanship ahead of winning.
3. Teach your child that an honest effort is as important as a victory so that the result of each game is accepted without undue disappointment. Encourage your child to play fairly and to the best of his or her ability and, when he or she does so, provide praise and encouragement regardless of the results of those efforts.
4. Turn defeat to victory by helping your child to work toward skill improvement and good sportsmanship. Never ridicule or yell at your child for making a mistake.
5. Explain the Player Code of Conduct to your child and encourage him or her to live up to it.

6. Encourage your child to respect his or her teammates, coaches, team manager, referees, and opponents.
7. Show respect and appreciation for the volunteer coaches and other team and club officials who give their time to provide sport activities for your child. Refrain from publicly questioning the judgment of team or club officials and never question their honesty or integrity.
8. Encourage your child to refrain from dangerous play during games and practices.
9. Cheer for your child, your team and your club but at all times refrain from coaching from the sidelines, unless specifically tasked with doing so by a coach or team official.
10. Refrain from criticizing coaches, referees, or opponents at any time and especially in the presence of your child or other children. Constructive criticism, when you feel it is necessary, should be directed towards your team's coaches or other officials in private.
11. When able, assist with tasks as requested by team officials (e.g., putting nets away after games, providing half-time snacks, etc).
12. Ensure prompt attendance at games and practices (for both drop-off and pick-up) and, if absences are unavoidable, to give adequate notice to team officials.
13. Complete and update (as necessary) your child's medical information sheet and ensure team officials are aware of any medical or other issues faced by your child.

I agree to abide by these guidelines:

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Date: