

**North Providence Youth soccer
Code of Conduct for Coaches & Volunteers**



All NPYSA coaches and team volunteers must adhere to the following Code of Conduct:

- Abide by the club's by-laws.
- The first criterion in all decisions is "What is in the best interest of the child?"
- Ensure that all team events are conducted in a safe manner.
- Remember that players participate for fun and winning is only part of the fun.
- Develop the soccer skill and knowledge of each player.
- Develop the character of each player, particularly good sportsmanship.
- Ensure that the time players spend with the team is a positive experience. All players are deserving of equal attention and opportunities. All players deserve playing and training time regardless of their ability.
- Be reasonable in demands on players' time, energy and enthusiasm.
- Never ridicule or yell at players for making a mistake or not winning.
- Operate within the rules and spirit of the game and teach players to do the same.
- Ensure that equipment and facilities meet safety standards and are appropriate to the age, maturity and ability of all players.
- Display control, respect and professionalism to all involved with soccer. This includes, but is not limited to, team members, opponents, coaches, officials, administrators, the media, parents and spectators. Encourage players to do the same.
- Show concern and caution toward sick and injured players. Follow the advice of a physician when determining whether an injured player is ready to practice or play.
- Keep up to date with the latest coaching practices and the principles of growth and development of young players.
- Demand a sports environment for the children that is free from drugs, tobacco, and alcohol and refrain from their use at all TRYSC games and practices.

I further understand that I not only represent myself, but also my players, the team, the club, and the game of soccer and will conduct myself accordingly. I understand that the NPYSA Board will hold me accountable for my actions and behavior. I further understand that the TRYSC Board and its appointed disciplinary committee will monitor my behavior and will take appropriate action to uphold this Code of Conduct.