



Arlington and Falls Church, Virginia  
*Arlington Soccer Association*

## **Coach Code of Conduct**

Coaches have the most important role in youth soccer. Coaches are role models for not only their team members but for all participants involved in soccer.

I agree to abide by the following:

- I will place the emotional and physical well being of my players ahead of a personal desire to win.
- I will treat each player as an individual, remembering the large range of differences in emotional and physical development for the same age group.
- I will do my best to provide a safe playing situation for my players.
- I will insure that my players' experience in practices and games is one of fun and enjoyment and improvement in skill. I understand that the three top reasons kids play sports are: a) to have fun, b) to make new friends, and c) to learn new skills.
- I will remember that I am a youth sports coach, and that the game is for the children and not the adults.
- I will guarantee that all players have substantially equal playing time in every game. The guarantee may be abridged for disciplinary reasons. The guarantee does not apply to "select", "travel" or "all-star" teams.
- I will be knowledgeable of the Laws of the Game and ASA rules and regulations, and teach these rules to all players on my team.
- I will encourage my team members to play by the rules and respect the rights of other players, coaches, fans and officials.
- I will meet and greet officials and opponent coaches to set the proper tone of the game.
- I understand that as coach, I am responsible for not only my own behavior but also the behavior of my team members, their parents, and fans at ASA games.
- I will provide a sports environment for my team that is free of drugs, tobacco, alcohol, and abusive language and I will refrain from their use at all youth sports events.

I understand that (upon review) the Arlington Soccer Association can, and will if necessary, suspend my coaching privilege should I behave in a manner that is contrary to this Code of Conduct.

Printed Coach Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Coach's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_