

Coaches Code

Enthusiastically support and practice the *"Everyone Plays," "Good Sportsmanship" and "Positive Coaching"* philosophies of AYSO.

Be reasonable in your demands on a young player's time, energy, enthusiasm and performance on the field.

Impress on your players that they must abide by the Laws of the Game at all times.

Develop team respect for the ability of opponents and for the judgment of referees and opposing coaches.

Ensure that your players' soccer experience is one of fun and enjoyment (winning is only part of it). Players should never be yelled at or ridiculed for making mistakes or losing a game.

Set a good example and be generous with your praise when it is deserved. Children need a coach they can respect.

Keep informed of sound principles of coaching, growth and child development.

Check your equipment and playing facilities. They should meet safety standards and be appropriate for the age and ability of your players.

Follow the advice of a physician when determining when an injured child is ready to play again.

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