

SANTA CLARA YOUTH SOCCER LEAGUE

COACH CONTRACT

This coach contract has been established in an effort to better inform the coaches in the Santa Clara Youth Soccer League of the League expectations for them.

As a coach of the Santa Clara Youth Soccer League, I pledge to:

- ◆ Understand that winning is a consideration, but not the only one, nor the most important one. Care more about the development of my players than the winning of the game.
- ◆ Teach my players to play fairly and to respect the Laws of the Game, officials and opponents.
- ◆ Be a positive role model for my players, display emotional maturity and be alert to the physical safety of players.
- ◆ Ensure that player behavior is acceptable and non-threatening for all participants.
- ◆ Be generous with my praise when it is deserved; be consistent, honest; fair and just; do not criticize my players publicly; learn to be a more effective communicator and coach, don't yell at players.
- ◆ Adjust to personal needs and problem of players, be a good listener, never verbally or physically abuse a player or official; give all players the opportunity to improve their skills, gain confidence and develop self-esteem; teach them the basics. Give each team member a fair and honest chance to play.
- ◆ Organize practices that are fun and challenging for my players. Familiarize myself with the Laws of the Game, techniques and strategies of soccer; encourage all my players to be team players.
- ◆ Be concerned with the overall development of my players. Stress good health habits and clean living.
- ◆ Refrain from the use of abusive, obscene or profane language or gestures.
- ◆ Treat everyone fairly, regardless of gender, place of origin, color, sexual orientation, religion, political belief or economic status.
- ◆ Understand and teach players that to play the game is great; to love the game is greater.
- ◆ Make the safety of all players my highest priority.

As a coach of the Santa Clara Youth Soccer League, I will abide by the following League Rules:

- ◆ **Violent Conduct.** The League has a zero tolerance for any violent conduct by players, coaches, parents or any other persons during any League activity. Any league activity includes but is not limited to games, practices or meetings. The League Board of Directors will investigate any and all acts of violence. Penalties may range from suspension or expulsion from the League.
- ◆ **Required Player Equipment.** All players participating in any practice, game or other competition shall wear the following equipment: approved shoes (**baseball style cleats are not allowed to be used**); shin guards; and socks which cover the shin guards completely.
- ◆ **Wearing of Jewelry.** Players may not wear any type of jewelry during games or practices. Jewelry includes but is not limited to rings, bracelets, necklaces or earrings.
Exception: Players may be allowed to wear medical identification bracelets or necklaces as long as they are safeguarded in some way as to not pose a hazard to other players.
- ◆ **Smoking and Alcoholic Beverages.** In accordance to the guidelines set by CYSA and the Santa Clara Unified School District, smoking and alcoholic beverages shall be prohibited at all activities sponsored by the League.
- ◆ **Red Card Penalties.** All incidents involving the issuance of a red card involving any person affiliated with the League will be reviewed by the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors will have discretionary powers to increase penalties befitting the infractions.

As a coach of the Santa Clara Youth Soccer League, my family and I understand the following:

- ◆ **Playing Time.** It shall be the policy of the League that all players playing in the following age groups and classes of play shall play at least 50% of the time in each game:
 - A. Recreational (Class 4) all age groups.
 - B. Competitive (Class 3) U11 and younger.
 - C. Select (Class 1) U10 and younger.Playing time on all other teams will be at the discretion of the coach of the team. The League recommends that the coaches limit the size of their rosters to a manageable number so that all players have an opportunity to develop their playing skills.
- ◆ **Zero Tolerance Policy.** All players, coaches, parents, referees and spectators are expected to demonstrate "sportsmanlike" behavior before, during and after games, scrimmages and practices. The League has adopted a "Zero Tolerance Policy" towards verbal or physical abuse or harassment by anyone involved in the league in any capacity. Severe penalties including suspension may be incurred by anyone demonstrating inappropriate behavior as deemed by the League Board of Directors.
- ◆ **Player Supervision.** The safety of my players is my responsibility whenever they are participating in any official team event including but not limited to games and practices. All adults that may be left unattended with any player during any team activity must be officially registered with the Santa Clara Youth Soccer League. At no time will any player be left unsupervised including after all games and practices.
- ◆ **Adult Registration.** Adults registering with the League must complete all the required forms, provide a picture and submit to a criminal background investigation via the submittal of fingerprints.
- ◆ **Use of City and School Facilities.** The Santa Clara Youth Soccer League utilizes facilities owned by the City of Santa Clara and the Santa Clara Unified School District. In order for the League to maintain a good relationship with the City and School District, all League members must always respect the facilities that are used for practices and games this includes keeping the grounds clean during and after use, utilizing proper toilet facilities, abiding by all parking regulations and respecting all neighbors.

I have reviewed the Santa Clara Youth Soccer League's Coach Contract and will meet the terms of this contract related to my participation in the League. I understand the Santa Clara Youth Soccer League Board of Directors reserves the right to penalize any coach for any violation of the terms listed in the Coach Contract. The Board of Directors will determine the appropriate penalty for any violation of these terms.

Coach's Name _____ Class of Play _____ /Age Group/ _____ Team Name _____

Coach's Signature _____ Date _____