

Gates Youth Soccer League Inc (GYSL) Code of Conduct – Coaches

1. I will uphold the bylaws and policies of the GYSL at all times.
2. I will abide by the rules and regulations set forth by RDYSL, NYSWYSA and FIFA.
3. I recognize the mission of the GYSL is to promote the overall well being of the individual player with respect to soccer, fitness, and sportsmanship, and I will promote ethical conduct and fair play at all times.
4. I will provide only positive reinforcement, encouragement, and constructive criticism as a means for a player to achieve his/her personal best. I will put the emotional and physical well being of the players ahead of my own desire to win.
5. I will respect a player's academic responsibility, and I will keep soccer in proper perspective.
6. I will never approach a player within the GYSL to leave their current team in order to better my own team in any way.
7. I will not incite players or spectators to disrupt the flow of play. I will create an environment free of profane and abusive language and will expect all players and adults present to do the same.
8. I will be responsible for the conduct of my players, parents and guests.
9. I will remember that soccer is a game, not a matter of life or death for me, the players, officials nor the community.
10. I will show courtesy, respect and dignity to visiting coaches, officials and all players at all times. Visiting teams will be treated as our honored guests.
11. I will respect the integrity and judgment of all officials. I will accept official decisions without protest, no matter how unfair they may seem. I will work in cooperation with the officials for the benefit of the game.
12. Our team will win and lose with dignity and grace.
13. I will make every effort to promote the safety and welfare of the players. I will inspect my player's equipment and the field of play to ensure the safety of all participants.
14. I will never leave a player unattended after a game or practice, nor will I be alone with any one player.
15. I will be knowledgeable in the rules of the sport and I will teach these rules to my players. I will be consistent, honest, and will ensure that all players receive equal instruction and support.
16. I will be on time for games and practices and will dress appropriately for each.
17. I will maintain good communication between players, parents and the GYSL. I will distribute team and club information in a timely manner.
18. I will strive to improve my coaching skills through attendance at training clinics, licensing opportunities, and accepting help from my colleagues.
19. I will attend, or send a representative to, all club coaches meetings.
20. I will respect all decisions of the Gates Youth Soccer League Board of Directors.
21. I will remember that I am a YOUTH coach and that the game is for CHILDREN, not adults.
22. As a coach in the GYSL, I will represent the league in a positive manner at all times.
23. I have read and will abide by the Zero Tolerance Policy as set forth by GYSL/RDYSL and will ensure my players and parents understand and abide by it.
24. I will abide by and enforce the NO DOGS policy of the GYSL.
25. I will assist with the maintenance and upkeep of the school and town soccer grounds, facilities and equipment.
26. I understand all coaches are elected yearly by the Board of Directors. No coaching position is guaranteed.

I fully understand that a violation of the Code of Conduct will result in a review by the GYSL Conduct Committee. Based upon the severity of the violation, sanctions will be determined, including, but not limited to, fines and expulsion from the club.

Signature of Coach

Date