

2007/2008
VALLEY YOUTH SOCCER LEAGUE CODE OF CONDUCT

Please initial top paragraph where indicated and sign the bottom of this form

____ 1. **I understand that youth soccer is a kid's game and that it is a privilege to stand along the sidelines and watch children play their game.** I will not curse, create a public disturbance or threaten officials. I understand that such behavior is not to be tolerated on the sidelines while my child plays soccer.

2. **I understand that coaching from the sidelines by a variety of people is not only unacceptable conduct, but it is also counterproductive, since it distracts the players from their decision making on the field and their enjoyment of the game.** Cheering and positive encouragement is a natural part of the game of soccer. Negative comments and constant coaching directed at players on the field from either team, substitute players, or coaches will be subject to discipline by the Center Referee, coach, director of the program, and or, the club/VYSL Board of Directors.

3. **I understand that my role on the sidelines is to be a role model of sportsmanship for these kids.** I agree to be positive with my comments regardless of the outcome of the game. I agree to remind other parents, coaches, etc. who may get out of hand from time to time, why they are at the game. I understand that I must remain at least three yards outside of the sideline during the game.

4. **I agree to be tolerant of the official's calls,** whether I agree with them or not. I understand that a large number of the officials are learning as they go. I agree that I will not berate them, threaten them, curse at them or in any way physically or verbally abuse an official. Should I have a complaint about the Referee I understand that there is a system in place to report the complaint and I will follow those procedures.

5. **I understand that at no time during the course of the game will anyone enter the field of play without the express permission of the Center Referee.** All persons on the sideline must be at least three yards back from the sideline to allow the linesman unobstructed access and view of the sideline. I understand that the Referee is not obligated to delay the progress of a game to explain their calls to anyone, including me.

6. **I understand that the coaches, parents, substitute players, and spectators from opposing teams will occupy opposite sides of the playing field and will remain on their respective sides during the entire course of each game.** At no time during the course of the game will anyone be allowed to stand behind either goal line.

7. **I understand that the enjoyment of the kids playing the sport they love is much more important than the outcome of the game.** I will encourage my children to play hard, play fair, respect the Referees and other officials, and congratulate their opponent at each and every game.

8. **I understand that the Head Coach is responsible for the behavior of the parents, substitute players, and spectators on their sidelines.** If the Referees detect unacceptable behavior, they will caution the head coach on that sideline to deal with the individuals involved. Failure to do so may result in discipline of the coach in addition to discipline of the individual involved.

9. **I understand that profanity, fighting, and the consumption of alcohol is prohibited at all club activities as well as the Valley Youth Soccer League and the Arizona Youth Soccer Association.**

10. **As a parent, coach, assistant coach, team parent, business manager, or other affiliate of my child's soccer team, I understand that according to club and VYSL, I am a member of their Associations** As a member I understand that I am responsible for complying with all the rules and regulations in the bylaws and can be held accountable for my actions.

11. **I understand that violation of any of these principles may result in punishment of the individuals responsible by the Board of Directors of our club or the league.** Such punishment may include suspension from participation in club activities, including games. All rules and regulations are provided to each coach within the club/ league and will be made available to any other parent, player sibling or other spectator upon request.

12. **I agree that if I act in a way that interferes with game play, which will be decided at the sole discretion of the game officials, that I will be asked to vacate the field area immediately, and I will do so quickly and without delay.** I may also be subject to filing of criminal charges should my actions endanger or threaten the safety of players, spectators or Game Officials. VYSL will enforce a Zero Tolerance Policy relative to abusive or threatening behavior at any club and league sponsored event. **VYSL has the right to levy any fines and/or suspensions to anyone violating this Code of Conduct.**

My initials above and signature below Indicate that I have read and agree to abide by the above Code of Conduct.

Club _____ Team _____

Date _____ Signature Parent or Legal Guardian _____ Date _____ Signature of Player/Players Name _____