



# Coach Code of Conduct

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BVSS has high regard for our coaches, who share responsibility with players, parents, and others in the Association for creating a healthy soccer environment. Coaches add greatly to the BVSS program and to the enjoyment and well-being of our players. This code is meant to inspire by describing an approach to coaching which, while not always achievable, can be embraced and aspired to by our coaches at all levels.

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- I will seek to give players equal instruction, opportunity to play, and support.
  - I will attempt to ensure that equipment and facilities are safe and match the players' ages and abilities.
  - I will remember that team spirit, player welfare, and continued player participation are more important objectives for BVSS than winning.
  - I will give positive comments that motivate and encourage continued effort.
  - I will avoid ridiculing or yelling at players for making mistakes or for performing poorly. I will remember that children play to have fun and should be encouraged to have confidence in themselves.
  - I will embrace realistic expectations. I will seek to remember that child athletes are not miniature professionals and cannot be judged by professional standards.
  - I will teach my players to play fairly, and show respect for the rules of the game and the officials.
  - I will not question the official's judgement or honesty in public, and I will encourage all participants to do the same.
  - I will show respect for opponents, because without them there would be no game.
  - I will encourage players to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
  - I will remember that children need a coach they can respect, so I will aspire to set a good example by my conduct.
  - I will not use inappropriate language, and will avoid harassing players, coaches, and officials. I will not tolerate bullying and will discourage harassment in any form.

(1) I acknowledge that this code describes the BVSS vision for coaching and I will abide by it to the best of my abilities.

(2) I acknowledge that the process described in the BVSS Discipline Policy will guide the association's response to any concerns about my coaching conduct.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_