



# Galveston County Youth Soccer

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## Coaches' Code of Conduct

I hereby **pledge** to live to my membership in the Galveston County Youth Soccer organization by following the GCYS Coaches' Code of Conduct.

- I will place the safety, emotional and physical well-being of my players ahead of a personal desire to win.
- I will treat each player as an individual remembering the large range of emotional and physical development for the same age group.
- I will promise to review and practice the basic first aid principles needed to treat injuries of my players.
- I will do my best to participate in coaching clinics to advance my coaching skills
- I will do my best to organize practices that are fun and challenging for all my players.
- I will ensure that my players' soccer experience is one of fun and enjoyment (winning is only part of it). I will be generous with my praise when it is deserved. I will never yell at or ridicule my players for making mistakes or losing a game.
- I will lead by example in demonstrating fair play and sportsmanship to all players, officials and spectators. I will keep winning and losing in proper perspective.
- I will try to respect the referee's decisions at all times.
- I will provide a sports environment for my team that is free of illegal drugs, tobacco, alcohol, profanity, abusive language and conduct which could be deemed offensive, and I will refrain from their use at all practices and games.
- I know we do not have a paid facilities staff. I will encourage everyone to use these facilities properly and to keep fields clean and free from litter.
- I will be knowledgeable in the laws of soccer and will teach these laws to my players.
- I will remember that I am a youth sports coach, and that **the game is for the players** and not adults.
- I will abide by the decisions of the GCYS Executive Board of Directors.