

### **Coach's Code of Conduct for Middle Country Children's Soccer**

1. I will treat each player as an individual, remembering the large range of emotional and physical development within each age group.
2. I will do my best to provide a safe playing environment for my players.
3. I will promise to review and practice basic first aid principles needed to treat injuries of my players.
4. I will do my best to organize practices that are fun and challenging for all my players.
5. I will lead by example in demonstrating fair play and sportsmanship to all my players.
6. I will be knowledgeable in the rules of each sport that I coach, and I will teach these rules to my players.
7. I will use those coaching techniques appropriate for all the skills that I teach.
8. I will remember that I am a soccer coach, and that the game is for children and not adults.

Coach sign and Date \_\_\_\_\_

Print name \_\_\_\_\_

### **Parent's Code of Conduct for Middle Country Children's Soccer**

1. I will not force my child to participate in soccer.
2. I will remember that children participate to have fun, and that the game is for youth, not adults.
3. I will inform the coach of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my child or others.
4. I will learn the rules of the game and the policies of the league.
5. I will be a positive role model for my child, and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy.
6. I will not engage in any unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player or parent, such as booing and taunting, refusing to shake hands, or using profane language or gestures.
7. I will not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health or wellbeing of the players.
8. I will teach my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
9. I will demand my child treat players, coaches, officials and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, color, sex or ability.
10. I will teach my child that doing one's best is more important than winning, so my child will never feel defeated by the outcome of a game or by his or her performance.
11. I will praise my child for competing fairly and trying hard, and make my child feel like a winner every time.
12. I will never ridicule or yell at my child or other participant for making a mistake or losing a competition.
13. I will emphasize skill development and practices, and how they benefit my child, over winning.
14. I will promote the emotional and physical wellbeing of the players ahead of any personal desire I may have for my child to win.
15. I will respect the officials and their authority during games and will not question, discuss or confront coaches at the game field. I will speak with coaches at an agreed time and place.
16. I will demand a sports environment for my child that is free from drugs, tobacco and alcohol, and I will refrain from their use at all sports events.
17. I will refrain from coaching my child or others during games and practices unless I am an official coach.

## Covid-19 Guidelines

### Arriving

Prior to exiting automobiles, or being dropped off, all participants should put on a face covering and maintain social distance following facility instructions as appropriate to access field area for the match

If there is a match in progress on the field, teams should NOT enter playing field area or take a position on the touchlines (soccer sidelines) until AFTER the prior match is completed AND the teams, players, coaches and spectators have left

### At The Field

- All players, coaches and spectators should maintain appropriate social distancing
- Referee(s) should maintain appropriate social distancing, and before the match position themselves and their equipment, in an appropriate area as feasible away from teams, spectators.
- All participants; players, coaches, spectators and referees are recommended to wear new or clean PPE upon arrival, departure and when not physically active for any match.
- This includes all coaches when not actively instructing and not a minimum of 6-feet physical distance from any other coach, player or referee

### In-Match Protocols

All participants; Players, Coaches, Spectators and Referees follow;

- [Reopening New York State Sports and Recreation Summary Guidance](#)
- [US Soccer Play On Phase 3 Grassroots Soccer Recommendation Guide](#)
- [ENYSA Game Day Protocols](#)
- [New York State Sports and Recreation Master Guidance](#)

This includes;

- Players, Coaches maintain minimum of 6 feet of physical distance from all others when on bench (players, coaches, etc.)
- When minimum of 6 feet of physical distance is not possible, wear face covering

### In-Match Protocols

- Players subbed out of match should maintain minimum of 6 feet of physical distance, while recovering, before putting a face covering on
- Do not touch or share anyone else's equipment, water bottles, energy drinks, etc.
- No group celebrations, no high fives, chest bumps, hugs, handshakes etc.

### In-Match Protocols

Who Monitors

- Referees(Adult)/Coaches Monitor ON-Field protocols
- BOTH Coaches Monitor OFF-The-Field protocols
- Referee(Adult)/Coaches/Board Member(red shirt) addresses issues of safety to Responsible Party (HOME team Field Marshal, Safety Officer or Coach)
- Issues of compliance with facility protocols fall to Responsible Party
- Failure of either Team, Home or Visitors may result in match being terminated, potential forfeit to offending Team as determined by League

### Post-Match

- At completion of match, NO handshakes between players, coaches as well as referees
- Players & Coaches should acknowledge opposing teams and referee(s); clapping, thumbs-up
- Teams and spectator immediately gather personal belongings, equipment and with face coverings on, leave immediate field area. NO post-match discussions there.

I have read and understand if I(we) do not comply with code of conduct/Covid-19 Guidelines. I(we) will be asked to comply or to leave the field. Also, failure to comply could result in forfeit of game.

Parent sign and date \_\_\_\_\_

Print name \_\_\_\_\_

Child's name and birth year \_\_\_\_\_