



## TPSL COACHES CODE OF CONDUCT

**As a coach in the Tiburon Peninsula Soccer League, I understand the role I play in the lives of my players, and I accept the responsibility that this role brings. In accepting this position, I will abide by the following Code of Conduct:**

1. My first responsibility is to the health, safety and development of all participants. I will place their physical and emotional well being ahead of a personal desire to win.
2. As a member of the Positive Coaching Alliance, I will learn what it means to be a “Positive Coach” and will act accordingly.
3. I will nurture good sportsmanship and fair play by teaching and personally demonstrating my commitment to these values.
4. I will never ridicule or shout at children for making a mistake or losing a competition.
5. I recognize that I am a teacher and that the soccer field is my classroom.
6. I will instruct players in the Laws of the Game and motivate them to act within them.
7. Whenever appropriate, I will assist fans and families to understand the game and its rules.
8. I will ensure that I, my players and fans from my team treat opposing players and fans and the referees with sportsmanship and respect and will assist the game officials in maintaining control of spectators during the game.
9. I will take appropriate steps to minimize scoring in runaway games.
10. I will make a personal commitment to keep myself informed on sound coaching principles and the principles of children’s growth and development, for example by attending TPSL-sponsored workshops and reading TPSL-distributed materials.
11. I have read, and agree to abide by, the Laws of the Game, the Rules of the TPSL and the Rules and Regulations of the CYSA District V Playing League, including the following:

**CYSA DISTRICT V 3:10:19** Coaches, assistant coaches and team managers shall abide by the following:

- A. Coaches, assistant coaches and any other person that may be coaching will station themselves on opposite sides of the field and will confine their coaching to ten yards either side of the half-way line.
- B. A coach will not call out alleged or otherwise indulge in a running commentary of infractions of the “Laws of the Game”.
- C. A coach will not dispute or question the calls or decisions of the referees.
- D. A coach may address the referee only: prior to the start of the game, when making substitutions, to draw attention to an injured player and when addressed by the referee.
- E. A coach shall not enter the field of play except prior to the start of the game, at half time and at the end of the game or to aid an injured player from either team (after receiving the referee’s permission) or whenever beckoned onto the field by the referee.
- F. Coaches shall not provoke, intimidate or enter into a dispute with coaches, players or fans of the opposing team.
- G. If a coach violates any of the above paragraphs the referee shall be obligated to give the coach a verbal warning and/or order the coach off the field, the referee shall make a report to the appropriate District Playing League Manager and District Protests, Appeals and Disciplinary (PAD) Committee.
- H. A coach who is reported (“sent-off”) for a second time shall be suspended for the remainder of the season by the District PAD Committee.
- I. Fans and spectators should be removed a safe distance away from the touchlines to provide the necessary space for safe play. Violations of Paragraph A through F by a team’s substitutes or fans shall be deemed as committed by the respective coach, if in the opinion of the referee, the coach makes little or no attempt to control the situation.
- J. If a coach is sent-off the field of play, he/she must leave the playing area or the game will not continue. The coach may not return to any sanctioned match for his/her team until after his/her hearing and any suspensions have been served.

The full CYSA District V Rules and Regulations may be found at [www.cysadistrictv.com/lgrules.htm](http://www.cysadistrictv.com/lgrules.htm)

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