

Appleseed Youth Soccer Association (AYSA) Sideline Behavior Policy

The purpose of AYSA is to provide a positive environment for athletes to learn and play soccer, while developing positive character traits.

AYSA defines “positive environment” as including all aspects of our activities, from playable, safe fields, to referee and coach development, to a constantly positive atmosphere of sportsmanship.

The mission for players in AYSA is to enjoy learning and playing the game of soccer, while learning teamwork and fair play.

The mission for coaches in AYSA is to learn how to coach, to teach players using methods which are age and level appropriate, to lead the team with the highest standards of fair play, and to provide a positive adult role model to the players.

The mission for referees in AYSA is to adhere to the highest standards of officiating as defined by AYSA.

The mission for the parents is to remember that all the players of AYSA are children and to adhere to the standards for sideline behavior as developed by the league, and to support the coach and the league in their mission.

The mission for the leadership of the league is to respect each player and adult associated with the league, to deal fairly with all, and to encourage and support the volunteers who make our league strong.

The mission for all in this league is to respect ourselves, respect the opponent, respect the official, and respect the game of soccer.

All activities with the children are to be done in a way to develop their character, and to provide fun and learning. Competition is a vehicle to do what we do, not the purpose. Standards Attending, playing, and coaching in AYSA is a privilege, not a right.

Everyone attending an AYSA game or practice must conduct themselves within the highest standards of behavior.

The following will not be tolerated: yelling anything at referees, touching a referee or her or his equipment or property, yelling at opposing players or coaches, yelling anything but encouragement at own players or coaches.

Yelling instructions for playing from the sidelines in soccer is inappropriate. Anyone violating this policy will be asked to leave for a period to be determined by the Executive Board or Disciplinary Committee.

Parents and spectators can be banned from the sidelines by the Executive Board or Disciplinary Committee and have no right of appeal.

Individuals or groups of parents/spectators/participants may be required to attend classes in proper behavior at their own financial expense. Parents/Spectators exhibiting unacceptable behavior can be banned from games in the subsequent years as a condition of the registration of the player.

AYSA is not a public body but a private league. Even though we use public parks, your ability to attend our games is dependent on your entertainment as a primary goal. Failure to comply may result in being suspended from attending games.

Coaches are selected and approved by the league and can be removed if necessary.

Procedures for Reporting Unacceptable Behavior: