BYSA CODE OF ETHICS/CONDUCT

Players

- ✓ I will encourage good sportsmanship from fellow players, coaches, officials and parents at all times.
- ✓ I will remember that soccer is an opportunity to learn and have fun.
- ✓ I deserve to play in an environment that is free of drugs, tobacco, and alcohol; and expect everyone to refrain from their use at all soccer games and practices.
- ✓ I will do the best I can each day, remembering that all players have talents and weaknesses the same as I do.
- ✓ I will treat my coaches, other players and coaches, game officials, other administrators, and fans with respect at all times; regardless of race, sex, creed, or abilities, and I will expect to be treated accordingly.
- ✓ I will concentrate on playing soccer. Always giving my best effort.
- ✓ I will play by the rules at all times.
- ✓ I will at all times control my temper, resisting the temptation of retaliation.
- ✓ I will always exercise self-control.
- ✓ My conduct during competition towards play of the game and all officials shall be in accordance with appropriate behavior and in accordance with FIFA's "Laws of the Game," Georgia State Soccer Association's "Youth Rules and Regulations," and in adherence to BYSA rules.
- ✓ While traveling, I shall conduct myself so as to bring credit to myself and my team.
- ✓ I shall not possess, consume or distribute before, during or after any game or at any other time at the field and/or game complex alcohol, tobacco, illegal drugs or unauthorized prescription drugs.
- ✓ I shall not bring onto the field and/or game complex unauthorized weapons of any type, exploding devices or flammable materials.
- ✓ I will never use foul, abusive or insulting language. I will treat everyone with dignity and respect.

Coaches/Trainers/Team Managers/Volunteers

- ✓ I will never place the value of winning before the safety and welfare of all players.
- ✓ I will always show respect for players, other coaches, and game officials.
- ✓ I will lead by example, demonstrating fair play and sportsmanship at all times.
- ✓ I will demonstrate knowledge of the rules of the game, and teach these rules to my players.
- ✓ I will never use foul, abusive or insulting language. I will treat everyone with dignity and respect.
- ✓ I will not tolerate inappropriate behavior, regardless of the situation.
- ✓ I will not allow the use of anabolic agents or stimulants, drugs, tobacco, or alcohol by any of my players.
- ✓ I will never knowingly jeopardize the eligibility and participation of a student-athlete.
- ✓ I will be the primary soccer role model for my players – youth have a greater need for example than criticism.
- ✓ I will at all times conduct myself in a positive manner.

Coaches/Trainers/Team Managers/Volunteers (cont'd)

- ✓ Coaching is motivating players to produce their best effort, inspiring players to learn, and encouraging players to be winners.
- ✓ My actions on sidelines during games shall be in the spirit of "good sportsmanship" at all times. Profanity, profane gestures, arguing, inciting disruptive behavior by spectators and/or players, or any conduct not in the spirit of good sportsmanship, shall result in disciplinary action from the affiliate.
- ✓ I shall not possess, consume or distribute before, during or after any game or at any other time at the field and/or game complex alcohol, tobacco, illegal drugs or unauthorized prescription drugs.
- ✓ I shall not bring onto the field and/or game complex unauthorized weapons of any type, exploding devices or flammable materials.
- ✓ I will refrain from any activity or conduct that may be detrimental or reflect adversely upon BYSA, its members or its programs.
- ✓ I will accurately and complete in its entirety the coach/volunteer application form and by application attest to the accuracy of the information submitted.

Parents/Spectators

- ✓ I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, game officials, and administrators at all times.
- ✓ I will place the emotional and physical well being of all players ahead of any personal desire to win.
- ✓ I will support the coaches, officials, and administrators working with my child, in order to encourage a positive and enjoyable experience for all.
- ✓ I will remember that the game is for the players, not for the adults.
- ✓ I will ask my child to treat other players, coaches, game officials, administrators, and fans with respect.
- ✓ I will always be positive.
- ✓ I will always allow the coach to be the only coach.
- ✓ I will not get into arguments with the opposing team's parents, players, or coaches.
- ✓ I will not come onto the field for any reason during the game.
- ✓ I will not criticize game officials.
- ✓ I shall not possess, consume or distribute before, during or after any game or at any other time at the field and/or game complex alcohol, tobacco, illegal drugs or unauthorized prescription drugs.
- ✓ I shall not bring onto the field and/or game complex unauthorized weapons of any type, exploding devices or flammable materials.
- ✓ I will refrain from any activity or conduct that may be detrimental or reflect adversely upon BYSA, its members or its programs.

Failure to comply with the above may result in the suspension of your privilege to participate in BYSA sanctioned events as decided by the board of directors.