# Rochester Youth Soccer Coach's Code of Conduct

# My Conduct with Players:

My role as coach is to contribute to the overall well-being, success, physical and athletic growth of my players through their participation in soccer.

- I will always keep the best interest and well being of the children as the highest priority.
- I will do my best to be a good example of sportsmanship for my players.
- I will stress fair play whether winning or losing. I will address disrespectful, irresponsible and overly aggressive behavior immediately, removing the player from the game long enough for him/her to calm down.

### My Conduct in the Way I Will Coach:

- I will make it fun.
- My focus will be on developing well-rounded team players.
- I will provide positive reinforcement and build esteem during every practice and every game.
- I will practice at least once per week.
- I will not coach under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs.

# My Conduct with Parents & Spectators:

As the coach, I am responsible for the conduct of the parents and spectators for my team, especially in the way they interact with the referee, coaches, players and spectators on the other team.

- I will communicate effectively with parents about practice times, dates, game times and locations, etc.
- I will explain acceptable player and parent behavior in a preseason meeting, encouraging them to applaud and cheer for good plays by either team. I will also discourage them from yelling at the players and referees.
- I will address disrespectful, irresponsible and overly aggressive behavior by spectators, asking them to remove themselves for a period of time to cool off if necessary. If the situation doesn't resolve itself, they may be asked to leave the field all together.

# My Conduct with Referees & Opposing Teams:

I believe that the way my team conducts itself can influence others in positive and negative ways and I will do my part to lead by example in how to treat referees and opposing teams with respect.

- I will not coach or allow my players to play with intent to cause injury to opposing players.
- I will not display or allow my players or spectators to display hostile behavior towards opposing players.
- I will emphasize winning without boasting and losing without bitterness.
- I will display a controlled and undemonstrative attitude toward referees at all times.
- I understand that my attitude can influence my players and spectators.

By signing below, we understand that this code of conduct applies to my behavior no matter what field or sports complex we are at and any violation of this code of conduct may result in disciplinary action such as: Verbal warning from coach or board member, sitting out a game, removal from the playing fields for one game or the remainder of the season.

Coach's Printed Name

**Coach's Signature** 

This code of conduct is designed to provide a positive and safe environment for all involved. Thank you for your help in ensuring the success of our kids.