



## Coach and Team Official Code of Conduct

**We all have a responsibility to promote high standards of behavior in the game.**

In various national surveys, behavior was the biggest concern in the game. This included both the abuse of match officials and the unacceptable behavior by over competitive parents, spectators and coaches on the sidelines.

The NMYSA “**Caution: Children @ Play**” program is aimed at tackling unacceptable behavior across the whole game.

Play your part and observe this Code of Conduct for coaches, team managers and club officials at all times.

### **I will:**

- Show respect to others involved in the game including match officials, opposition players, coaches, managers and spectators
- Adhere to the Laws of the Game
- Display and promote high standards of behavior
- Always respect the match officials' decisions
- Never enter the field of play without the referee's permission
- Never engage in public criticism of the match officials
- Never engage in or tolerate offensive, insulting or abusive language or behavior

### **When working with players, I will:**

- Place the well-being, safety and enjoyment of each player above everything, including winning
- Explain exactly what I expect of players and what they can expect from me
- Ensure the parents/guardians of all players under the age of 18 understand these expectations
- Refrain from and refuse to tolerate any form of bullying
- Develop mutual trust and respect with every player to build his/her self-esteem
- Encourage each player to accept responsibility for his/her own behavior and performance
- Ensure all activities I organize are appropriate for the players' ability level, experience, age and maturity

**I understand that breaches of the Code may result in action being taken by my League and/or my State Association.**

