

# BRYC CODE OF CONDUCT – RECREATIONAL TOURNAMENTS

Participation in an end-of-season All Star tournament is an honor bestowed upon the most talented coaches and players in BRYC Recreational Soccer. Selection as a coach or a player is based not just on soccer skills but also on both conduct and sportsmanship during the recreational season.

All BRYC Recreational Soccer All Star participants, including players, coaches, and spectators, are expected to conduct themselves in accordance with both good sportsmanship and appropriate behavior, and will comply with all BRYC policies, rules, and procedures.

Participation in an All Star tournament should both bring out, and show off, the best of BRYC. Tournaments are highly competitive and emotions can run high. Nonetheless, win or lose, BRYC coaches, players and spectators are expected to conduct themselves in keeping with BRYC's highest ideals.

In addition to teaching soccer skills, coaches will impress upon players a sense of sportsmanship, fair play, and respect for their teammates and opponents alike. One of the most effective methods for instilling this sense is personal example, i.e. appropriate behavior for players and spectators should be modeled by the coach. Therefore,

- Each coach will ensure that his/her conduct sets the proper example for team members and spectators. Each player, in turn, should ensure that his/her conduct is that of a young lady or gentleman, fairly competing to the limits of his/her ability.
- Coaches and players will know the *Laws of the Game* and abide by them. Coaches are to instruct teams in such a way as to motivate each player to compete according to those *Laws*.
- Coaches, players, and spectators will show respect for tournament and game officials. Coaches must refrain from questioning official decisions, especially in a disrespectful or abusive manner, during play. Similarly, players and spectators must refrain from addressing officials or commenting on their decisions. Issues with the officiating of a game should be addressed to BRYC's Director of Referees and All Star Coordinator following play for possible reporting to the tournament organizer.
- Coaches, players, and spectators will maintain control of emotions at all times, refraining from the use of abusive language or profanity, humiliating remarks, and/or gestures directed at officials or members of an opposing team. Physical assault upon another player, coach, official, or spectator will absolutely be grounds for a player's or coach's removal from All Star participation.
- Coaches will ensure that players and spectators conduct themselves with good sportsmanship and maturity while attending matches, and assist game officials in maintaining control of spectators when necessary.
- At the conclusion of a match, coaches, players, and spectators will show respect for game officials and opposing coaches and players, demonstrating appropriate gestures of sportsmanship. Be humble and generous in victory and proud and courteous in defeat.

Coaches are ultimately responsible for the conduct of their players and spectators. Coaches, spectators, parents, and players may be suspended or expelled from the tournament and/or future BRYC activities for any violation of this Code of Conduct committed by themselves, their family, or their team. Allegations of referee abuse or assault may be referred to Virginia Youth Soccer Association for additional action.