



# United States of America Deaf Soccer Association

## Code of Conduct

### Coaches and Volunteers

It is the responsibility of each coach, assistant coach, volunteer and parent to:

1. Realize that the purpose of youth soccer is to promote the physical, mental, moral, social and emotional well-being of the individual players.
2. Emphasize the proper ideals of, and lead by example in demonstrating sportsmanship, ethical conduct and fair play.
3. Remember that children play for fun and enjoyment. Always place the emotional and physical wellbeing of players ahead of any personal desire to win. Never ridicule or yell at children for making mistakes or losing games.
4. Show cordial courtesy to visiting teams and officials.
5. Respect the property of communities that you are visiting.
6. Respect the integrity and judgement of the referee.
7. Achieve a thorough understanding and acceptance of the rules of the game set by USADSA.
8. Show respect for all players, coaches, fans, and officials regardless of race, gender, creed or ability.
9. Remember that children need adult role models they can respect. Be generous with your praise when it is deserved and set a good example.
10. Treat each player as an individual, remembering there may be a large spread of physical and emotional development of members of the same team.
11. To the extent practicable, follow the advice of a physician or parent when determining when an injured player is ready to play again.
12. Make a commitment to educate yourself on positive coaching principles and the principles of growth and development of children.
13. Remember that a contest is a game, and that the game is for the children, and not the adults.

Failure to abide by one or more principles of the USADSA Code of Conduct, may result in suspension or expulsion from practice, a game (s), or from USADSA.