

Coaches Code of Conduct

The Board of Directors of Tantasqua Regional Youth Soccer (TRY Soccer) are concerned about the conduct of all coaches, parents and referees during games at all levels, from recreational to travel.

- We want to ensure that games are fair, positive and enjoyable experiences for all of the children and adults involved. A soccer game should be friendly and unifying - a spirited social and athletic occasion for players, coaches, referees and spectators.
- To clarify expectations of coach conduct, we jointly expect all coaches to conform to this code of conduct.
- Before during and after the game, be an example of dignity, patience and positive spirit.
- Before a game, introduce yourself to the opposing coach and to the referee.
- During the game, you are responsible for the sportsmanship of your players. If one of your players is disrespectful, irresponsible or overly aggressive, take the player out of the game at least long enough for him/her to calm down.
- During the game, you are also responsible for the conduct of the parents of your players. It is imperative to explain acceptable player and parent behavior in a preseason meeting.
- Encourage players and parents to applaud and cheer for good plays by either team. Discourage any, and you may need to be forceful and direct, yelling at players and the referee.
- During the game, you are also responsible for the conduct of spectators rooting for your team. Remember -- the referee has the authority and responsibility to eject a coach from a game if he or she does not keep proper spectator control.
- During the game, do not address the referee at all. If you have a small issue, discuss it with the referee calmly and patiently after the game.
- If you have a major complaint, or if you think the referee was unfair, biased, unfit or incompetent, report your opinion to your Association. Your reactions will be taken seriously if they are presented objectively and formally.
- After the game, thank the referee and ask your players to do the same.

Think about what you are doing during a game - **uphold the *Spirit of the game!***

If you follow the expectations described above, the spirit of the game will be alive and well in Massachusetts and will grow, along with the enjoyment of all.

Coaches who do not follow the expectations described above will be disciplined or removed.