

North Vegas Youth Soccer League (NVYSL)

Code of Conduct & Behavioral Standards Manual



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1. Purpose and Mission

The North Vegas Youth Soccer League (NVYSL) aims to foster a safe, inclusive, and supportive environment for all youth participants to grow through soccer. This document defines the behavioral expectations for all participants, ensuring every game is played in a spirit of fairness, sportsmanship, and community.

2. League Values and Core Beliefs

We believe:

- Soccer is a vehicle for personal growth, discipline, and teamwork.
- All players deserve a safe, respectful, and inclusive environment.
- Coaches are leaders, mentors, and role models.
- Parents and spectators are partners in youth development.
- The game belongs to the players; adults are stewards of the experience.

3. Definitions

- Coach: Any individual listed as a head coach, assistant coach, or team official.
- Player: Any youth participant registered with NVYSL.
- Parent/Spectator: Any individual attending NVYSL events in support of a player.
- Referee/Official: Any certified game official assigned to NVYSL games.
- Bullying: Repeated, unwanted behavior intended to intimidate, degrade, or control.
- Harassment: Any behavior, physical or verbal, that creates a hostile environment.
- Abuse: Physical, sexual, emotional, or verbal mistreatment of a minor or peer.

4. Scope and Applicability

This Code applies to all NVYSL-sanctioned activities, including:

- Games, practices, tournaments, and clinics
- Team meetings and league events
- Online interactions related to the league
- Travel to and from sanctioned events
- All participants agree to abide by this Code as a condition of participation.

5. Coaches Code of Conduct

A. Leadership Responsibilities

- Act as a mentor, role model, and educator.
- Place the development, well-being, and dignity of all players above winning.
- Maintain objectivity, fairness, and emotional restraint at all times.

B. Language and Communication

- Use positive, age-appropriate, and respectful language.
- No foul, vulgar, or abusive language—**zero tolerance**.
- Give feedback privately and constructively; never humiliate or shame.

C. Game and Referee Conduct

- Accept referees' decisions—even when disagreeing.
- May ask for clarification **once** per call; no repeated arguments.
- Show respect to all officials, including inexperienced or youth referees.

D. Use of Music and Audio

- No music permitted before, during, or after games.
- Practice music must:
 - Be approved in writing by the NVYSL Board.
 - Be free of profanity, hate speech, explicit content, or sexual themes.
 - Be played at low volume and not disrupt other teams or field users.

E. Boundaries and Ethics

- No fraternization, favoritism, or private meetings with individual players.
- No private messaging with players—group communication only and always include parents.
- Avoid any behavior that could be interpreted as grooming or manipulation.

F. Professional Conduct

- Maintain appropriate appearance and demeanor.
- Stay current with coaching education and league-mandated training.
- Cooperate with league staff, attend all required meetings and workshops.

6. Players Code of Conduct

A. Attitude and Commitment

- Show up prepared, on time, and ready to learn.
- Accept all coaching decisions with respect.
- Be accountable for your behavior and effort.

B. Respect for Others

- Treat teammates, opponents, coaches, and referees with respect.
- Celebrate others' successes and support them through challenges.
- Never engage in mocking, teasing, or bullying.

C. Sportsmanship and Fair Play

- Play honestly, within the rules, and with integrity.
- Do not retaliate for fouls or bad calls—let coaches and officials handle it.
- Always thank officials and opponents after games.

D. Game Conduct

- No arguing with referees under any circumstance.
- Avoid loud complaints, body language, or disrespectful gestures.
- Use respectful and clean language at all times—**zero tolerance for foul, racist, or abusive language.**

7. Parents and Spectators Code of Conduct

A. Sideline Behavior

- Cheer positively; avoid negative commentary.
- Do not shout instructions to players or attempt to coach.
- Do not address referees or contest calls—let coaches handle all communication.

B. Role Modeling

- Display composure, patience, and respect even during tough games.
- Teach your child to enjoy the game and value improvement over victory.
- Never demean other children, parents, or teams.

C. Substance Use and Conduct

- Alcohol, smoking or vaping (within the field areas), and drug use are strictly prohibited at all NVYSL events.
- Any violator may be removed from the field and subject to league discipline.

D. Conflict and Communication

- Discuss concerns privately and respectfully with your coach or league officials.
- Use official complaint procedures—do not confront coaches or referees at the field.

8. Social Media and Digital Conduct

A. For All Participants

- Do not post photos/videos of other children without permission.
- Never share internal league disputes, grievances, or complaints publicly online.
- Refrain from making negative, threatening, or vulgar comments online about NVYSL, teams, referees, or players.

B. For Coaches and Team Staff

- All electronic communication must include a parent/guardian.
- Never initiate private, one-on-one digital contact with minors.

9. Prohibited Conduct and Zero-Tolerance Behaviors

The following conduct will result in immediate disciplinary review and potential removal from the league:

- Physical violence or threats toward any participant
- Sexual harassment or misconduct
- Racial, ethnic, gender-based, or sexual orientation-based slurs
- Bullying, hazing, or verbal abuse
- Tampering with referee or league decisions
- Unauthorized or inappropriate contact with minors

10. Reporting, Enforcement, and Disciplinary Procedures

Reporting Misconduct:

- Reports may be made in person, via email, or anonymously through an online portal.

- Reports involving abuse or illegal conduct will be escalated to law enforcement and SafeSport.

Review Process:

A League Disciplinary Committee will review all violations and recommend action. The individual may provide a written statement and witness list.

- Possible Disciplinary Actions:
 - Verbal or written warning
 - Probation
 - Suspension (single game, multi-game, or season-long)
 - Expulsion from the league
 - Referral to legal authorities

11. Training, Certification, and Compliance

Coaches and Staff Must:

- Attend league training and orientation meetings.
- Sign an annual acknowledgment of this Code.
- Ensure only verified registered Players participate in league events such as practice, games, and tournaments.

Parents and Players Must:

- Review this document during registration.
- Sign a digital or paper acknowledgment of understanding.

12. Acknowledgment and Implementation

All participants must acknowledge receipt and acceptance of this Code of Conduct as a condition of enrollment. This policy is enforceable immediately upon registration and throughout the entire duration of participation in NVYSL.