



Arlington Soccer Association Coaches Code of Conduct

The health, safety, and well-being of our players are the primary concern and responsibility of Arlington Soccer Association. All Coaches should understand that they have an Increased responsibility when coaching young people. All Arlington soccer coaches will adhere to the following:

1. We shall honor, respect, and treat everyone equally within the context of the game, regardless of gender, nationality, race, religion, sexual orientation, political belief, or economic status
2. We shall show respect to others involved in the game including match officials, players, coaches, managers, staff, and spectators serving as role model for good sportsmanship.
3. We shall never retaliate against any player, parent, coach, staff, or other members of our club regardless circumstances.
4. Adhere to the laws and spirit of the game by promoting fair play and displaying high standards of behavior.
5. Always respect the official's decision. Never approach and/or confront a match official before, during or after a game in any manner that is not positive.
6. At no time during an Arlington Soccer game, practice or other event will a coach be alone with a single child where they cannot be observed by others.
7. Children will not be left unsupervised. Coaches will not leave any child unsupervised until the child is picked up.
8. No player will ever be subjected to Physical, Verbal, Sexual, Mental or Emotional abuse. Any type of abuse will not be tolerated.
9. Use of positive techniques of guidance is encouraged, including redirection, positive reinforcement, and encouragement rather than comparison and criticism. Staff, volunteer coaches, and team officials will have age-appropriate expectations and set up guidelines and environments that minimize the need for discipline.
10. The use, possession, or being under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs immediately before and during or immediately following Arlington Soccer events involving Arlington Soccer players and parents is prohibited.
11. Smoking/vaping or the use of tobacco is prohibited during Arlington Soccer events.
12. Electronic and phone communications with Arlington Soccer players should be limited to soccer specific topics and should include the players parent(s). Social Networking between adults and individual Arlington Soccer Players is discouraged.
13. Electronic communication includes but is not limited to phone calls, video calls, texts, social media platforms (e.g., Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, WhatsApp, Snapchat, etc.), fitness applications, emails, and direct messaging should be limited to soccer specific topics and should include the players parent(s).
14. We shall always display the highest standards of behavior and professionalism.
15. Coaches must regularly seek ways of increasing professional development and continuing coaching education.