

**Coaches/Volunteers Code of Conduct:**

1. I will never place the value of winning before the safety and welfare of all players
2. I will always show respect for players, other coaches, and game officials.
3. I will lead by example, demonstrating fair play and sportsmanship at all times.
4. I will be knowledgeable of the rules of the game, and teach these rules to my players.
5. I will never use abusive or insulting language. I will treat everyone with dignity.
6. I will not tolerate inappropriate behavior, regardless of the situation.
7. I will not allow the use of anabolic agents or stimulants, drugs, tobacco, or alcohol by any of my players.
8. Youth have a greater need for example than criticism. I will be the primary soccer role model.
9. I will at all times conduct myself in a positive manner.
10. Coaching is motivating players to produce their best effort, inspiring players to learn, and encouraging players to hold their heads high win or lose.
11. Coach's actions on sidelines during games shall be in the spirit of "good sportsmanship" at all times. Profanity, profane gestures, arguing, inciting disruptive behavior by spectators and/or players, or any conduct not in the spirit of good sportsmanship, shall require disciplinary action from St. Mary's Youth Soccer.
12. I will complete the Background Check on an annual basis, or as required by the Recreation and Parks Department of St. Mary's County.