

MALABAR YOUTH SOCCER LEAGUE

CODE OF CONDUCT – PARENTS/SPECTATORS

- I hereby pledge to provide positive support, care and encouragement for my child participating in the Malabar Youth Soccer League by following this Parents/Spectators code of Conduct Pledge.
- I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all participants, coaches, officials, and board members at any Malabar soccer event either at home or away.
- I will demand an environment for my child that is drug free and alcohol free at all league sponsored events.
- I will remember that the Malabar Youth Soccer League is for the youth and not adults. I will not use the League as a babysitting service and I will supervise my child in the program and any other children that I bring to the field. This includes practice and games.
- I will do my best to make this organization fun for my child.
- I will ask my child to treat other participants, coaches, board members, parents, and spectators with respect regardless of race, sex, creed, or ability.
- I will not get into arguments with the opposing team's parents, players or coaches.
- I will not come onto the field for any reason during the game.
- I will not criticize game officials.
- I will, along with any guest of mine, to refrain from any vulgar, lewd or obscene language or gestures while participating in or watching any league sponsored event whether at home or away.
- I will strive to be a good role model for my child and other children in the program. I will encourage my child to learn to lose with dignity and win with grace.
- I will direct all my comments and criticisms to parents, participants, coaches, officials, board members, away from the children participating in the league, and conduct myself in a calm, civilized manner when doing so. I will not disturb them when they are busy working and/or coaching, but will speak to them at an appropriate time.
- I will respect my child's coach and do my best to have my child at all practices. I will recognize the importance of volunteer coaches. I realize they are important to the development of my child and the sport. I will communicate with them and support them. I will not interrupt them during games or practices.
- I will never yell or physically abuse my child after the game.

CODE OF CONDUCT – PARENTS/SPECTATORS (Continued)

- Failure to abide by this Code of Conduct will automatically render the parent/spectator unable to participate or attend any league sponsored even either at home or away. The Malabar Youth Soccer League Board Members have the sole right to enforce violations.

CODE OF CONDUCT – PLAYERS

- I hereby pledge to demonstrate good sportsmanship and show encouragement to my teammates and participants in the Malabar Youth Soccer League by following this Players Code of Conduct Pledge.
- I will support and be respectful to all coaches, board members, and adult volunteers, teammates, parents, opponents and officials.
- I will be a team player and I will work hard to improve my skills. I will learn the rules and play by them, be a good sport and set a positive example for others. I will learn to lose with dignity and to win with grace.
- I will refrain from any vulgar, lewd, or obscene language or gestures while participating in or watching any League sponsored event, whether at home or away.
- I will not smoke, drink alcohol, or use any other illegal substances during any league function. Failure to abide by this policy will result in immediate dismissal from the team.
- Any behavior that reflects poorly on the team during any official League function will result in immediate disciplinary actions as decided by the coaches.
- I will be on time for practice and inform my coach in advance when I will be unable to attend practice unless an emergency arises.
- Failure to abide by this Code of Conduct will automatically render the child unable to participate or attend a League event either at home or away. The Malabar Youth Soccer League Board Members have the sole right to enforce violations.
- Conduct during competition towards play of the game and all officials shall be in accordance with appropriate behavior and in accordance with FIFA's "Laws of the Game", and in adherence to **FYSA** rules.

CODE OF CONDUCT – COACHES

- I pledge to provide positive support, care and encouragement for my team participating in the Malabar Youth Soccer League by following this Coaches Code of Conduct Pledge.
- I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all participants, officials, and board members at any Malabar Youth Soccer League event, either at home or away.
- I will never place the value of winning before the safety and welfare of all players.
- I will not tolerate inappropriate behavior, regardless of the situation.
- I will support all coaches, board members, and others working with my team, in order to encourage a positive and enjoyable experience for all. I will insist that my team participates in a safe and healthy environment. I will demand an environment for my team that is drug free and alcohol free at all League sponsored events. I will remember that the Malabar Youth Soccer League is for the youth and not for the coaches. I will do my best to make this League fun for all involved.
- I will ask my team to treat other participants, coaches, board members, parents, and spectators with respect regardless of race, sex, creed or ability. I will refrain from any vulgar, lewd or obscene language or gestures while participating in or watching any League sponsored event whether home or away. I will never verbally or physically abuse a player or official.
- I will strive to be a positive role model for my players. I will give all players the opportunity to improve their skills, gain confidence and develop self-esteem. I will familiarize myself with the rules, techniques and strategies of soccer. I will encourage all players to be team players. I will maintain an open line of communication with my player's parents. I will address any challenges in the area with the Leagues director.
- I will direct all my comments and criticisms to parents, participants, officials, board members away from the children participating in the League, and conduct myself in a calm and civilized manner when doing so.
- I will read the rules and regulations and agree to abide by those rules, responsibilities, and Code of Conduct. Violations of these rules could result in disciplinary action up to and including permanent dismissal from the Malabar Youth Soccer League.
- Failure of the coach to abide by this Code of Conduct will automatically render the coach unable to participate or attend a League sponsored event whether home or away. The Malabar Youth Soccer League Board Members have the sole right to enforce violations.

CODE OF CONDUCT – BOARD MEMBERS

- I hereby pledge to act professionally when representing the Malabar Youth Soccer League at any function I attend and use proper business ethics.
- I hereby pledge to provide positive support, care and encouragement for all children participating in the Malabar Youth Soccer League by following the Board Members Code of Conduct Pledge.
- I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all participants, coaches, officials, other board members, and parents at any Malabar Youth Soccer League either at home or away.
- I will demand an environment for all participants that is drug free and alcohol free at all League sponsored events.
- I will remember that the Malabar Youth Soccer League is for the youth and not adults.
- I will do my best to make this League fun for all the children.
- I will refrain from any vulgar, lewd and obscene language or gestures while participating in or watching any League sponsored event, whether at home or away.
- I will direct all my comments and criticisms to parents, participants, officials, other board members away from the children participating in the League and conduct myself in a calm and civilized manner when doing so.
- I will strive to be a good role model for all participants in the League.
- Failure to abide by this Board Member Code of Conduct will automatically render the board member unable to participate or attend any League sponsored event, either home or away. The Malabar Youth Soccer League Board Members have the sole right to enforce violations.

VIOLATIONS OF CODE OF CONDUCT

- Violations of the Code of Conduct should be reported to the appropriate individual as listed below:
 - Board Members/Parents report violations to – President or Vice President of Malabar Youth Soccer League
 - Players/Coachers report violations to – Director of Coaches
Rec: Bucky Raulerson or Comp: Taewon Jung
- General Provisions: The Malabar Youth Soccer League Board of Directors must issue a formal written warning citing the infraction and forward it to all persons involved in the incident.
 1. Suspensions will be enforced for offensive, insulting or abusive language by parents, spectators, players, coaches, and board members.

First Offense: One (1) game suspension
Second Offense: Two (2) game suspensions
Third Offense: Six (6) game suspensions

(Adapted from FYSA By-Laws and Rules 2007-2008: 502.2)

2. Spitting at a parent, spectator, player, coach, official or board member.

Four (4) game suspensions

(Adapted from FYSA By-Laws and Rules 2007-2008: 502.4)

3. Referee/Official Abuse

Referee/Official abuse is a verbal statement or physical act not resulting in bodily contact which implies or threatens physical harm to a referee or the referee's property or equipment.

Verbal threats are remarks that carry the implied or direct threat of physical harm.

Six (6) game suspension for those involved in an incident with a referee to include those acts by parents, spectators, players, coaches, board members.

(Adapted from FYSA By-Laws and Rules 2007-2008: 502.6.1)

4. Referee/Official Assault

Referee/Official assault is an intentional act of physical violence at or upon a referee committed before, during, or after a game whether at home or away.

VIOLATIONS OF CODE OF CONDUCT (continued)

Suspensions for these violent acts will be:

Minor or slight touching of the referee or referee's uniform or personal property will be a **minimum of three (3) months** from the time of the incident.

Physical assault by an adult upon a referee seventeen (17) years of age or younger will be a suspension of **three (3) years**.

An assault causing serious injuries will result in a **five (5) year suspension**.

(Adapted from FYSA By-Laws and Rules 2007-2008: 502.6.2)

4. Parent, player or Officer of the Malabar Youth Soccer League Assault

The same rules/suspensions will apply as stipulated in Section 4 – Referee/Official Assault except: Any adult that attacks a player will be permanently suspended and criminal charges will be filed.

The accused person of a criminal charge will receive a hearing by the Malabar Youth Soccer League Board of Directors.

All infractions will be forwarded to FYSA and BYSL and the suggestions and guidelines of the FYSA and BYSL officers will be followed.

5. Administrative Game Conduct

A Coach/Manager, who sends a player onto the playing field with the intent to participate in the game, any youth who is not registered, is suspended, is overage, or is not a rostered member of the teams playing.

A Coach/Manager who sends a coach/volunteer onto the playing field with the intent to participate in the game, any coach/volunteer who is not registered, is suspended, has not social security number, or is not a rostered member of the teams playing.

Suspended remainder of the seasonal year PLUS one (1) year from the date of the infraction.

(Adapted from FYSA By-Laws and Rules 2007-2008: 503.1)

A player who knowingly enters a game that is not registered/rostered to either of the teams.

Suspended remainder of the seasonal year.

(Adapted from FYSA By-Laws and Rules 2007-2008: 503.2)

6. All infractions will be addressed by the governing Board of the Malabar Youth Soccer League and all infractions will be documented and forwarded to BYSL, FYSA and those persons alleged of the infraction of the Malabar Youth Soccer Club's Code of Conduct.
- Action taken once violation is reported.
 - Appropriate individual will decide whether the action is a violation of the Malabar Youth Soccer League Code of Conduct and this person will also decide, based on the severity of the action, whether to issue a warning or ban the individual from game(s), and/or practice(s), and if serious enough to remove them from the Malabar Youth Soccer League.

A complete listing of all the FYSA By-Laws and Rules for 2007-2008 can be found at www.FYSA.com