

NEVADA YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION

SECTION 6

COACHING

6:01:00 COACHING FROM THE SIDELINES:

6:01:01 Limited coaching from the sidelines is permitted from within the technical area in accordance with FIFA Laws of the Game. Where there is no technical area defined, coaches are to limit the extent of their positioning to ten (10) yards either side of the halfway line. In the case where both team benches are on the same side of the field, the coaches are to limit their movement to between the halfway line and to ten (10) yards into their side of the field. Coaching is not permitted by coaches or any person associated with the team from the opponent's side of the field or from behind the end lines. Coaching must adhere to the following:

- A. Instructions (in the opinion of the referee) do not interfere with the referee's control of the match.
- B. No mechanical devices are used (Megaphone, radio, etc.).
- C. The coach doesn't constantly harangue or attempt to distract or intimidate players.

6:02:00 COACHING LICENSE REQUIREMENTS:

6:02:01 U5-U12 recreational coaches have one (1) year to complete the age appropriate NYSA Youth Module. U11 and up coaches have one (1) year to obtain the NYSA 'E' license. U11 and up competitive coaches have one (1) year to obtain the NYSA State/National 'D' license.

6:02:02 Every coach must have completed, prior to the start of the next seasonal year, an age appropriate Youth Module/License. Age appropriate is defined as:

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| A. | U5-U8 | Minimum | U06/U08 Youth Module |
| B. | U09-U12 | Minimum | U10/U12 Youth Module |
| C. | U11 and above | Minimum | State 'E' License |
| D. | U11 and above – competitive | Minimum | State/National 'D' License |

6:02:03 The head coach of each U10 and below team traveling outside of NYSA jurisdiction must have an State 'E' license and must be present at each match/event. The head coach of each U11 and above team traveling outside of NYSA jurisdiction must have a State/National 'D' license and must be present at each match/event.

6:03:00 LICENSING FEES:

6:03:01 Licensing Course fees and instructor fees should be set by association management to insure the coach's education program is operated as financially self-sufficient.

6:04:00 CODES OF CONDUCT:

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- 6:04:01 This code of ethics clarifies and distinguishes approved and accepted professional and ethical behavior from that which is detrimental to the development of soccer within the NYSA.
- 6:04:02 Within this policy, the term “coach” means any coach or team official registered to the team through NYSA.
- 6:04:03 Coaches should be aware that they act as role models, either intentionally or unintentionally, to the youth players in their charge. As a role model, it is incumbent upon a coach to ensure that his/her conduct is appropriate and above reproach at all times.
- 6:04:04 Coaches should be aware that, as role models, younger youth players may mimic inappropriate behavior, and older youth players may see such behavior as countenancing inappropriate behavior on their part.
- 6:04:05 Coaches are advised that team social events are occasions where the coach may inadvertently relax his/her behavior standards. Once you assume the capacity of coach, your role carries over to all of your dealings with the youth players on your team. Youth players are unable to distinguish between official and unofficial situations; always behave appropriately.
- 6:04:06 Coaches are expected to be familiar with the requirements of the [NYSA Risk Management Policy](#) and [Zero Tolerance Policy](#).
- 6:04:07 The team head coach is responsible for the conduct of all team officials, parents, players, and other representatives with regard to player inducement. Where a coach, parent, player or other representative of a team is thought to have committed player

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inducement, the team head coach and any other team official involved that is registered with NYSA may be brought before the league disciplinary committee. In cases where the accusation of player inducement involves teams from different leagues within NYSA, the matter is to be referred to the chairperson of the NYSA Disciplinary Committee.

6:04:08 **Responsibilities to Players:**

- A. The coach shall never place the value of winning over the safety and welfare of players.
- B. The coach shall instruct players to play within the written Laws of the Game and within the spirit of the game at all times.
- C. The coach shall not teach deliberate unsportsmanlike behavior to players, but should emphasize sportsmanlike conduct
- D. The coach shall not tolerate inappropriate behavior from players regardless of the situation.
- E. Demands on players' time should never be so extensive as to interfere with academic goals or progress.
- F. The coach must never encourage players to violate NYSA recruitment, eligibility or player policies.
- G. The coach should direct players to seek proper medical attention for injuries and to follow medical personnel's instructions regarding treatment and recovery.
- H. The coach should not indulge in maltreatment of players through excessive public criticism or victimization.
- I. The coach shall not direct foul and abusive language towards players, game officials, opponents, or use foul and abusive language in the vicinity of players.
- J. The coach shall not indulge in repeated tardiness to practice sessions and games.
- K. The coach shall not exhibit a slovenly appearance while in contact with the players.
- L. The coach shall not be under the influence of alcohol or a controlled substance while acting as a coach at a practice session or game.
- M. The coach shall not smell of alcohol while acting as a coach at a practice session or game.

6:04:09 **Responsibilities to NYSA and Affiliated Leagues:**

- A. Adherence to all NYSA and affiliated league policies. It is the responsibility of each coach to know and understand these rules.
- B. Any problems that cannot be resolved between coaches should be referred to the appropriate NYSA or affiliated league officer or committee.

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6:04:10 Responsibilities to The Laws of the Game:

- A. Coaches should be thoroughly acquainted with and demonstrate a working knowledge of the [FIFA Laws of the Game](#).
- B. Coaches are responsible to assure their players understand the intent as well as the application of the Laws.
- C. Coaches must adhere to the letter and spirit of the Laws of the Game.

6:04:11 Responsibilities to Officials:

- A. Coaches must always refrain from criticizing officials in the presence of players and spectators.
- B. There should be no demeaning dialogue or gestures between official, coach or player.
- C. Coaches must not incite players or spectators or attempt to disrupt the flow of the match.
- D. Comments regarding an official should be made in writing to the appropriate organization assigning the official.

6:04:12 Responsibilities Regarding Scouting And Recruiting:

- A. The coach is to be familiar with the policy concerning player tampering and recruitment, and is to adhere to the policy.
- B. It is unethical for a player to be recruited or enticed from the ODP either by the ODP coach or any other coach, manager, player, parent or organization.
- C. When discussing the advantages of his/her organization, the coach has an obligation to be forthright and refrain from making derogatory remarks regarding other coaches, teams or organizations.
- D. It is unethical for a coach to make a statement to a prospective athlete that cannot be fulfilled.
- E. Coaches shall not scout any team, by any means whatsoever, except in regularly scheduled matches.

6:04:13 Responsibilities to Public Relations:

- A. Coaches have a responsibility to promote the game of soccer to the public. Comments and critiques of governing bodies, teams, coaches, players, parents or media should be positive and constructive.
- B. Coaches have the responsibility to assist their players in conducting themselves properly when in public, representing their team, affiliated leagues and NYSA.
- C. Coaches must not attempt to influence an affiliated league or NYSA in political or financial dealings outside the framework of their own policies.

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6:04:14 Other Responsibilities:

- A. A coach's behavior must be such as to bring credit to him/herself, the organization and the game of soccer.
- B. While the concept of rivalry is embraced, it cannot take precedence over exemplary professional conduct.
- C. The attitude and conduct of the coach toward officials, players, spectators and other coaches should be controlled and undemonstrative.
- D. It is unacceptable for a coach to have any verbal altercation with an opposing coach or bench before, during or after the match.
- E. Coaches must use their influence on their spectators that demonstrate intimidating and/or unacceptable behavior towards officials, player(s) or opposing team members.