

Coaches Code of Conduct and Disclosure Statement



I hereby pledge to live up to my certification as a NYSA Coach by following:

NYSA COACHES CODE OF ETHICS

- I will place the emotional and physical well-being of my players ahead of a personal desire to win.
- I will treat each player as an individual, remembering the large range of emotional and physical development for the same age group.
- I will do my best to provide a safe playing situation for my players.
- I will promise to review and practice basic first aid principles needed to treat injuries of my players.
- I will do my best to organize practices that are fun and challenging for all my players.
- I will lead by example in demonstrating fair play and sportsmanship to all my players.
- I will provide a sports environment for my team that is free of drugs, tobacco, and alcohol, and I will refrain from their use at all youth sports events.
- I will be knowledgeable in the rules of each sport that I coach, and I will teach these rules to my players.
- I will use those coaching techniques appropriate for all of the skills that I teach.
- I will remember that I am a youth sports coach, and that the game is for children and not adults.
- I will abide by the rules of the game as set by NYSA and ensure that my players, parents and spectators follow those rules.
- I will remember that my actions on the sidelines and in the stands reflect my commitment to teaching my players what it means to be a good sport, and as such I will not verbally abuse or demean a player for any reason.
- I will take responsibility for unruly actions and/or the misconduct of players, parents, assistant coaches and spectators.
- I will remind players that part of being a teammate is supporting each other no matter the outcome.
- I will consider my season a success if my players & parents had fun and learned something about soccer.
- I will respect the opposing team, their coaches and fans, knowing that without opponents there would be no competition.

NYSA COACHES POLICIES & PROCEDURES

- I will contact my parents within the next 4 days to inform them of my practice schedule and contact information.
- I will complete the required Tennessee State Soccer Association Risk Assessment within 48 hours.
- I will not focus on winning or keeping score during games. NYSA is a recreational league, does not keep score or have a playoff system in any age group.
- I will give all players the opportunity to play a minimum of half of each game.
- I will not practice or play any player not assigned to my team by the league. I understand that there are no exceptions to this rule and will only consider a player on my team when assigned to the roster by NYSA.
- I will only practice my team one (1) day per week if we are in the U4, U5, U6, U7 or U8 age division. If I coach in the U10, U12, U14 or U19 age group, I understand that I may practice two (2) times per week but will not exceed three (3) hours of practice time per week.
- I will handle disputes quietly and allow the board to help with unruly parents and spectators.
- I will not use obscene, profane or inappropriate language to any player, parent, or referee while on NYSA property.
- I will not discuss, publicly or privately, in a derogatory or abusive manner my opinion of the officials, other coaches or other players with spectators, coaches or parents.
- I will pick up trash in the team area after each game, leaving the area clean for the next game.
- I will encourage my parents to volunteer their time at NYSA.
- I will make every reasonable effort to make up rained out games and will communicate to my parents the efforts taken to make up the games.

I have read this document and agree to abide by all stated rules and the policies of NYSA.

DATE

NAME (PRINTED)

SIGNATURE

Coach/Volunteer Disclosure



NAME (PRINTED)

BEST EMAIL FOR NYSA COMMUNICATIONS

Tennessee State Soccer Association (TSSA) requires that all coaches complete a disclosure statement and that a background check be run each "soccer year" (fall to spring). **This must be completed BEFORE your team practices for the first time.**

If this is your first time completing the Disclosure:

Go to: <http://www.tn-bgc.sportsaffinity.com/reg/index.asp?sessionguid=>

1. Click the "Registration" button.
2. On the next screen, you'll need to choose Option 2 and click the button that says "Create New Account".
3. On the next screen, complete the fields. Remember to use your legal first and last name. When finished, click the "Save & Continue" button.
4. You'll get a screen with your "Account Primary Contact" info. Click the "Continue" button at the bottom.
5. On the next screen, click the button that says "Register as Coach/Admin"
6. A pop-up window will appear. Select "Background Checking" from the drop-down box and continue.
7. The pop-up window will change and you'll see your contact info that you entered and a list of questions. Follow the instructions and answer each field - including selecting "Nashville Youth Soccer Association" from the drop-down box as your affiliated club. When finished, click the "Save" button at the bottom.
8. On the next screen, you'll see the "PlayLevel" field now says "Background Checking". Click the "Continue" button.
9. On the next screen, accept the ELA and TSSA Concussion Information by checking the boxes and clicking the button that says "Agree & Continue"
10. The final window will state "Thank you for registering for your Risk Management with Tennessee Youth Soccer!"

If you are a returning coach:

Go to: <http://www.tn-bgc.sportsaffinity.com/reg/index.asp?sessionguid=>

1. Enter your Username and Password in Option 1. If you've forgotten them, there is a link to reset your password.
2. Click the "Continue" button
3. On the next screen, click the button that says "Register as Coach/Admin"
6. A pop-up window will appear that says "Play level". Select "Background Checking" from the drop-down box and continue.
7. The pop-up window will change and you'll see your contact info that you entered and a list of questions. Follow the instructions and answer each field - **including selecting "Nashville Youth Soccer Association" from the drop-down box as your affiliated club.** When finished, click the "Save" button at the bottom.
8. On the next screen, you'll see the "PlayLevel" field now says "Background Checking". Click the "Continue" button.
9. On the next screen, accept the ELA and TSSA Concussion Information by checking the boxes and clicking the button that says "Agree & Continue"
10. The final window will state "Thank you for registering for your Risk Management with Tennessee Youth Soccer!"

Confirmation email:

Shortly after you complete the Risk Assessment process, you will get a confirmation email. Please forward that email to NYSA at info@nysa-soccer.org so that we may record that you've completed the process. (If you have the ability to print the email, please do so and return with your other completed paperwork.)