

VSSA CODE OF CONDUCT

For the COACH/SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVE

- ❖ **Respect and Integrity:** Always demonstrate respect for players, officials, fellow coaches, and opponents. Lead by example in exhibiting honesty, fairness, and sportsmanship.
- ❖ **Encourage Positive Behavior:** Foster a positive and inclusive environment where every player feels valued, motivated, and supported, regardless of their skill level.
- ❖ **Fair Play:** Ensure that all players are given equal opportunities to participate and develop.
- ❖ **Support Development:** Focus on the development of players' skills and well-being over the pursuit of winning. Encourage players to do their best and support their growth both on and off the field.
- ❖ **Be Professional:** Maintain a professional demeanor at all times, ensuring the safety and well-being of players.
- ❖ **Adhere to Event Rules:** Follow all event rules and regulations and ensure players, team staff, and supporters do the same. Ensure all safety protocols are in place and followed.

For the PLAYER

- ❖ **Sportsmanship:** Always show respect to opponents, officials, coaches, and teammates. Play with fairness and a positive attitude, regardless of the outcome of the game.
- ❖ **Effort and Focus:** Give your best effort, stay focused, and support your teammates. Work hard to improve your skills and contribute to the team.
- ❖ **Respect Authority:** Follow the instructions of coaches and officials. If you have concerns, communicate them in a respectful manner.
- ❖ **Keep it Fun:** Remember that sports are about having fun and learning. Stay positive, support others, and enjoy the experience.
- ❖ **Safety:** Always prioritize your own safety and the safety of others. Inform coaches and officials immediately if you are injured or feel unwell.

For the PARENT/SPECTATOR

- ❖ **Positive Support:** Cheer for all players and teams, regardless of the score.
- ❖ **Respect the Officials:** Officials are here to ensure the game is played fairly. Treat them with respect.
- ❖ **Be a Role Model:** Set a positive example for your child and others by displaying good sportsmanship, calmness, and respect.
- ❖ **Respect Others' Space:** Maintain a safe and respectful distance from the playing area.
- ❖ **Encourage Positive Learning:** Emphasize the importance of effort, learning, and having fun. Avoid focusing solely on winning and instead, help your child enjoy the process of improvement.