## CODE OF CONDUCT

Dear Parents and Coaches,

A formal code of conduct must be signed if you wish to have your child play in the AYSO Region 678 soccer league. Parental and coaching misbehavior has become a huge problem in youth sports across the U.S. It has been shown that having a code of conduct decreases this problem. Failure to read and sign the code of conduct will prevent your child from playing in the league. Failure to comply with the code will result in you not being allowed to attend games and the possible dismissal of your child from the program.

Our only goal is to provide the children with a good and safe experience. We sincerely hope that the parents and coaches will have just as good a time and will accept the league for what it is – a chance for our children to run around and play a game.

The referees and coaches are all volunteers who give freely of their time. Their knowledge and skill levels will vary. A number of referees will be teenagers who are helping make up for the lack of adult volunteers. A number of coaches are completely new to the game, but once again due to lack of volunteerism, have agreed to help us out by coaching. Several of the division coordinators are new and will need much cooperation since it is their first year running a league.

Sports can provide your child with the opportunity to learn perseverance, teamwork, fair play, self-confidence, and determination. Competition is healthy and instructive. However, a "win at all cost" attitude is harmful to children. The focus of sports should be on effort, improvement of skills, and the development of courage to be able to make mistakes and recover from them. The winning team is not necessarily the one with more points.

The following is the code of conduct you are expected to sign in order to have your child participate in our league: PLEASE NOTE: FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH ONE OR ALL OF THESE "CODE OF CONDUCT" RULES WILL RESULT IN YOU AND YOUR CHILDREN BEING REMOVED FROM PARTICIPATING IN AYSO.

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Phone Number

I will not have any contact with the officials other than to compliment them for their efforts. I recognize that they are all volunteers doing the best they can to ensure that the game is played fairly and safely and that the children are having a good time.

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	I will stand at least 4 (four) feet from the sideline so that I will not endanger the safety of the players or assistant referee. I will not use profanity, obscene gestures, or conduct that would be deemed inappropriate around children. I will not yell at or in any way disparage any of the children, referees, or coaches on either team. Any cheering I do will be positive and encouraging.  I will not yell at my child while he/she is playing the game or directly after the game with respect to how he/she played. I will not smoke or consume any alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs at all AYSO games, practices, or events. I will not bring any pets or animals to any AYSO games, fields, and practices.		
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	I will be responsible for informing any friends and family attending the games and practices of the above rules.		
Print your name		 Signature	 

**Email Address**