



## INDIANA YOUTH SOCCER CODE OF CONDUCT

We, the Coaches, Team Managers and Parents/Guardians/Relatives of a Greater Indiana Regional League of Soccer (GiRLS) youth soccer player, promise to abide by the following Code of Conduct; to be a model coach, manager and spectator at all GiRLS League games in which our soccer team and players participate, as well as at other GiRLS League games where youth players are present.

### **By signing this Code of Conduct, I acknowledge that I will:**

- Encourage fair play;
- Cheer in a positive manner for all players, including opponents;
- Avoid negative or harsh criticism of any player's performance;
- Avoid negative or harsh criticism of the team's performance;
- Avoid embarrassing my own player/team/sidelines by my behavior;
- Show respect for the opponents: players, coaches and spectators;
- Abstain from criticizing the opponents;
- Encourage positive cheering from the sidelines for all players on the field;
- Allow the coaches to coach and to hold them accountable in maintaining a positive and respectful environment for the players;
- Show respect for the game Officials at all times, before, during and after the match;
- Abstain from criticizing the game Officials or undermining their authority;
- Display good sportsmanship as a positive example for all players;
- Create a positive environment in which the teams can play, learn and have fun;
- Prioritize the best interests of the youth players.

I understand that I not only represent my Team, but also my Club and the League and I will conduct myself according to the standards presented in this League Code of Conduct. I understand the Coach, Manager, players and parents/relatives of the team will hold me accountable for my actions and behavior. I further understand that a GiRLS Commissioner, Club representative, game Official or Team representative may monitor my behavior or the behavior of my team or sidelines at any time and may take appropriate action to uphold the League Code of Conduct. I also acknowledge that I am held accountable to the Indiana Youth Soccer disciplinary standards and I may be subject to ejection or suspension by the State Association, League, Club and team if at any time my behavior warrants.

*All adults listed on the official IYS Roster and all Parents/Guardians signatures are required on the next page.*

