GYSL 2019 Coaches Code of Conduct

To successfully accomplish our organization's mission and the goals of GYSL, we encourage only behavior, which exhibits good sportsmanship and prohibits behavior which is negative, disruptive, and not in keeping with the spirit of a program designed for the growth and enjoyment of children. The code of conduct's primary purpose is not to be punitive, but to clearly communicate in advance that negative behavior has consequences. GYSL strives to maintain an atmosphere in which competition, fair play, and gracious winning or losing exists for everyone in the league.

- I will be a positive role model for my players, leading by example by always demonstrating sportsmanship and emphasizing fair play.

- I will demonstrate a positive attitude towards youth sports, not embarrassing myself or any other participant by yelling or creating a scene. I will keep winning and losing in perspective and applaud good effort in victory and defeat.

- I will treat all players, parents, coaches, referees, and others associated with GYSL programs with respect including addressing players and referees in a positive manner. Under no circumstances will a coach use physical force and/or verbal abuse with players from any team.

- Coaches will ensure that each player receive 50% playing time for each game attended (except where an injury has occurred), significant experience at all positions, and equal opportunities to start games for each player.

- I will strive to be consistent, honest, fair, and just in treating my players. I will seek to be both a good communicator and listener. I will be generous in praise and never criticize publicly.

- I will maintain an open line of communication with the parents and encourage them to participate positively.

- I will become knowledgeable in the rules of the sport, teach them to the players and support all league policies and regulations.

- I will always inspect practice and game venues to insure safe playing conditions. I will require players to be properly equipped at all times. I will teach safe and proper techniques.

- I will create a healthy environment for sports by refraining from drug, alcohol and tobacco use.
- I will treat all players with respect, realizing that sport is for youth, not adults.
- I understand that to play the game is great, but to love the game is better.
- I understand that if I do not follow this Code of Conduct GYSL has the authority to remove me from a coaching position at anytime during the season.