

# PSA Travel Coaches Pledge

*I hereby pledge to follow and uphold the Code of Ethics adopted by Plymouth Soccer Association (PSA) Travel Soccer for all Travel Coaches and in particular that:*

1. I understand that coaching a PSA Travel Soccer team is an honor and a privilege bestowed upon me by PSA Travel Soccer and the parents of PSA Travel Soccer players, and I will strive to do my best to fulfill all of my obligations and responsibilities as a PSA Travel Soccer coach and make PSA Travel Soccer a positive, enjoyable and rewarding learning experience for the young people in our community.
2. I will review [PSA Travel Soccer's Mission Statement](#), and I will do my best to help PSA Travel Soccer fulfill its mission.
3. I will place the emotional and physical well being of all PSA Travel Soccer players ahead of my personal desire to win or gain recognition.
4. I will treat all PSA Travel Soccer players as individuals and remember that young people between the ages of 8-16 develop, emotionally and physically, at different rates.
5. I will do my best to ensure the health, safety and well being of all PSA Travel Soccer players.
6. I promise to learn, review and practice the basic first aid techniques necessary to treat the most common soccer-related injuries experienced by PSA Travel Soccer players.
7. I promise to learn and develop the coaching skills necessary to teach PSA Travel Soccer players the skills, principles and strategies necessary for them to compete, individually and as a team, at an appropriate level for their age group.
8. I will strive to maintain and improve my coaching skills in an effort to provide PSA Travel Soccer players with the best Travel Soccer experience that PSA Travel Soccer can provide through a volunteer organization with the understanding that the cost of my training will be paid for by PSA Travel Soccer on a pre-approved basis.
9. I will do my best to plan and organize practices that are fun and challenging for all PSA Travel Soccer players.
10. I will remember that I am a PSA Travel Soccer coach and that the game is for the young men and women who participate in PSA Travel Soccer and not for me or any of the other adults that are present.
11. I will remember that I am a representative of PSA Travel Soccer and a role model for all PSA Travel Soccer players and their families.
12. I will lead by example and demonstrate mature and acceptable conduct, clean language, fair play and good sportsmanship.
13. I will assume responsibility for all actions of all PSA Travel Soccer players and their parents, or other supporters, and myself at all soccer-related functions where my team is present or being represented. This includes but is not limited to:
  - o Refraining from yelling at, arguing with or publicly criticizing the referees;
  - o Instructing PSA Travel Soccer players to play hard, have fun and be good sportsmen/women;
  - o Instructing the parents and supporters to cheer for the PSA Travel Soccer team in a positive and encouraging manner and not against the opposing team;
  - o Following the rules and regulations of the site or facility where the activity is being conducted; and
  - o Not tolerating the use of foul language or derogatory remarks by any players, parents or other supporters at any team activity.
14. I will ensure that I am knowledgeable in the rules of competitive soccer, as adopted and modified by the Minnesota Youth Soccer Association ("MYSA") and I will teach those rules to all players.
15. I will support and assist the referees to ensure that the game is played fairly and that neither team is given an unfair advantage in competitive play.
16. I will attend and participate at PSA Travel Soccer coaches meetings, MYSA District coaches meetings

- and MYSA State coaches meetings where a PSA Travel Soccer team representative is requested.
17. I will cooperate and work with other coach/coaches and the team manager in the administration of the team, in scheduling and monitoring the activities of the team and in communicating with PSA Travel Soccer age group coordinators for the team.
  18. I will do my best to keep all PSA Travel Soccer players and parents informed of practices, skills sessions, scrimmages, league games, tournament games, special meetings, etc., in advance to ensure that all players have a reasonable opportunity to participate in all or the activities of their PSA Travel Soccer team.
  19. I will take responsibility for all PSA Travel Soccer equipment entrusted to me, including practice balls, game balls, ball bags, practice cones, ball pumps, first aid kits and supplies, pinnies, goalkeeper jerseys, goalkeeper gloves, corner flags, training tapes, training manuals and other equipment purchased and provided through club funds, and insure that such equipment is returned to the PSA Travel Soccer Equipment Manager in an appropriate and timely manner.
  20. I will take responsibility for PSA Travel Soccer team finances and collect all PSA Travel Soccer dues, MYSA dues, uniform fees, tournament fees, training fees, administrative expenses, and other miscellaneous fees in a timely manner.
  21. I will manage PSA Travel Soccer team expenses in a prudent and responsible manner so that I do not unduly burden PSA TRAVEL SOCCER with expenses which were not anticipated and included in the PSA Travel Soccer fees which were charged and collected, with the understanding that PSA Travel Soccer Coaches and Managers will be reimbursed for nominal expenses upon receipt of a written request along with a detailed explanation by the PSA Travel Soccer Financial Manager.
  22. I will accept responsibility for my actions and I will cooperate with and assist PSA Travel Soccer in fulfilling the requirements of the MYSA Risk Management Program, to ensure the safety of the boys and girls who participate in PSA Travel Soccer.

***I have read the foregoing and I will do my best to follow and uphold the PSA Travel Soccer Code of Ethics and make PSA Travel Soccer an enjoyable and positive learning experience for all PSA Travel Soccer players. I understand that PSA Travel Soccer players will make mistakes and that mistakes are an important part of the learning process. I will always remember, above all, that PSA Travel Soccer players should play hard and have fun.***

***This pledge will remain on file and in force for a period of twelve (12) months from the date set forth below:***

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Signature

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Date

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First Name, MI, Last name (Please print all)

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Home Telephone Number

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Street Address

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Business (or cell phone) Telephone Number

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City, State, Zip Code

Adopted by the PSA Travel Soccer Steering Committee - January 25, 1999