

TRI-COUNTY SOCCER PARENT/GUARDIAN CODE OF ETHICS & CONDUCT



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Preamble

The essential elements of character-building and ethics in sports are embodied in the concept of sportsmanship and six core principles: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and good citizenship. The highest potential of sports is achieved when competition reflects these "six pillars of character."

Youth sports programs play an important role in promoting the physical, social and emotional development of children. It is therefore essential for parents, coaches and officials to encourage youth athletes to embrace the values of good sportsmanship. Moreover, adults involved in youth sports events should be models of good sportsmanship and should lead by example by demonstrating fairness, respect and self control.

I therefore pledge to be responsible for my words and actions while attending, coaching, officiating or participating in a youth sports event and shall conform my behavior to the following code of conduct:

1. I (and my guest) will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all coaches, parents, players, participants, officials or any other attendees.
2. I (and my guest) will place the emotional and physical well being of my child ahead of any personal desire to win.
3. I (and my guest) will insist that my child play in a safe and healthy environment.
4. I (and my guest) will inform the coach of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others.
5. I (and my guest) will learn the rules of the game and the policies of the league.
6. I (and my guest) will support coaches and officials working with my child in order to encourage a positive and enjoyable experience for all.
7. I (and my guest) will remember that the game is for youths – not for adults.
8. I (and my guest) will do my very best to make youth soccer fun for my child.
9. I (and my guest) will require my child's coach to be a responsible youth sports coach and that he/she upholds the Coach's Code of Conduct.
10. I (and my guest) will treat, and encourage others to treat, any coach, parent, player, participant, official or any other attendee with respect regardless of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation or ability.
11. I agree to pay all fees in a timely manner, understanding that failure to do so could result in my child not being able to participate, being reported to TCS Treasurer and/or being sent to a collection agency.
12. I (and my guest) will neither engage in, nor encourage any other person to engage in, unsportsmanlike conduct with any coach, parent, player, participant, official or any other attendee.
13. I (and my guest) will neither engage in, nor encourage any other person to engage in, any behavior which would endanger the health, safety or well being of any coach, parent, player, participant, official or any other attendee.
14. I (and my guest) will neither use, nor encourage any other person to use, drugs or alcohol while at a youth sports event and I (and my guest) will not, nor will I encourage any other person to, attend, coach, officiate or participate in a youth sports event while under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
15. I (and my guest) will neither engage in, nor encourage any other person to engage in, the use of profanity while at a youth sports event.
16. I (and my guest) will neither engage in, nor encourage any other person to engage in, verbal or physical confrontations, threats or abuse aimed at any coach, parent, player, participant, official or any other attendee.
17. I (and my guest) will not, nor will I encourage any other person to, initiate a fight or scuffle with any coach, parent, player, participant, official or any other attendee.
18. I (and my guest) will refrain from coaching my child or other players during games and practices unless I am one of the official coaches of the team. Understand the fundamental and concepts of "One Voice Coaching" Philosophies.

I hereby agree that if I fail to conform my conduct to the foregoing while attending, coaching, officiating or participating in a youth sports event I will be subject to disciplinary action, including but not limited to the following in any order or combination:

1. Verbal warning issued by an organization official.
2. Written warning issued by an organization official.
3. Suspension or immediate ejection from any or all youth sports events issued by an organization official.
4. Arrest.

I understand there will be ZERO TOLERANCE for failure to abide by the above Code of Ethics.

Child's Name (Print)

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date