

TRI-COUNTY SOCCER ASSOCIATION

CODE OF CONDUCT

GENERAL

All participants involved in the Tri-County Soccer Association communities will conduct themselves in a manner that promotes the good will and positive spirit of athletics. Participants will conduct themselves with the highest standard of courtesy, integrity and good sportsmanship.

1. All members and participants shall respect other coaches, players, members, fans, spectators, and officials. Any inappropriate conduct, threats harassment, or abuse (verbal or physical) directed towards coaches, players, members, fans, spectators, officials, volunteers, parents, and team officials will not be tolerated.
2. All members, fans and participants of athletic events shall behave in a positive and supportive manner.
3. Violation by any member, fan or participant of this document and the codes of conduct contained within may result in an immediate and indefinite suspension from games, practices, tournaments, and special events for the family (including the player) or family member involved.

CODE OF CONDUCT: PLAYERS

I realize that participation on a team is a privilege and not a right, and because of this, I will adhere to the following code of conduct: All players will:

1. Demonstrate qualities or integrity, courtesy and good sportsmanship at all times.
 - a. I will play by the rules and in the spirit of the game.
 - b. I will control my temper.
 - c. I will respect my opponents, coaches, officials, fans, etc.
 - d. I will always strive to give my best on and off the field of play.
 - e. I will have a positive outlook regardless of the circumstances.
 - f. I will be a team player that supports the actions, decisions, and the outcomes of my coaches and my team-mates.
2. Demonstrate a commitment to coaches and team-mates by:
 - a. I will attend and be on time for every practice and game. I will be willing to give 100% effort 100% of the time.
 - b. I will strive to improve in all skills involved in my activity and reach for a higher level of mastery.
 - c. I will communicate to my coach and team-mates any information which will effect my participation and commitment in team activities.
3. Coaches are volunteers and are committed to giving their best for each player and the team.
 - a. I will do the same in return for my coaches and team-mates

CODE OF CONDUCT: PARENTS

I realize that participation on a team is a privilege and not a right, and because of this, I will conduct myself according to the following Code of Conduct:

1. I will respect and show appreciation for the volunteers who give their time to provide sporting activities for my child.
2. I will handle disputes between myself and team officials with dignity and through proper team channels: privately with the coach and at an appropriate time. In the rare event that a solution cannot be realized in communication with the coaches I will seek the assistance of the Community Committee or the Tri-County Soccer Association.
3. I will handle disappointment, whether it occurs through disputes, my child's skill, the officials and their decisions, placement on a team, etc. with dignity, maturity, and common sense.
4. I will remember that my child plays sports for his or her enjoyment, not mine.
5. I will encourage my child to play by the rules, and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or aggressive behaviour.
6. I will teach my child that "doing one's best" is as important as winning.
7. I will be positive and supportive in my comments to my child during competition.
8. I will be a fan not a fanatic.
9. I will support all the guidelines contained in this handbook including the coaches selection of the team and playing time.

CODE OF CONDUCT: COACHES

All coaches will embrace the philosophy that the game is a game of enjoyment. It is played not only in the pursuit of excellence, but to promote a healthy lifestyle in the social, mental, and physical development of the player. All coaches are to lead by example, and should therefore follow the same expectations of conduct as the player.

1. All coaches will focus on maintaining a high level of integrity and good sportsmanship as leaders of their teams.
 - a. I will follow the rules of the game, which are to be regarded as mutual agreements, the spirit or letter of which no one should try to evade or break.
 - b. I will regard and treat all officials and opponents as being honest in intention.
 - c. I agree that decisions of officials, no matter how unfair they may seem, are to be accepted without show of outward disgust.
 - d. I agree that although it is desirable to win, winning at any cost, defeats the purpose of the game. Losing can be a triumph when the best has been given.
 - e. I will treat all visiting teams as honoured guests.
 - f. I will treat all others as I, myself, would like to be treated.
2. The coach will promote the mental, social, and physical development of values in the athletes under their care.
 - a. I will be sensitive to the emotional needs of the athletes I coach.

BREACHES OF THE CODE OF CONDUCT

Breaches by Players

Individual breaches will be dealt with by the coach. Serious breaches may be referred to Community Soccer President / Committee if deemed appropriate by the coach. Serious matters will be referred to the Tri-County Soccer Association district.

When there is breach involving participants from two teams, Administration from both Soccer Communities or Clubs involved should consult with each other to ensure there is a fair and consistent discipline in dealing with these incidents.

Possible consequences of breaches of conduct may include but are limited to: limit of playing time, and suspension from the team.

Breaches by Parents/Spectator

Breaches of conduct during soccer practices and/or games shall be handles by the coach.

- A. The offending parent(s)/spectator(s) will be requested to stop the inappropriate actions immediately.
- B. If the actions do not cease, the parent will be asked to leave the site.
- C. If the individual continues the R.C.M.P. will be called to remove the parent/spectator from the area.
- D. An individual who has breached the Code of Conduct, may be suspended from attending future activities.

Breaches by Coaches

Breaches of the Code of Conduct will be dealt with by the Community Soccer Executive Committee. A review hearing may be called and all involved parties will have an opportunity to be present. Upon completion of the hearing a decision shall be made as to the future of the coach with the team. Possible consequences warranted may include by are not limited to: a reprimand, a suspension of coach from the team for a period of time or the banishment of the coach from the team.

PLAYER / COACH / PARENT CONTRACT

PLAYER / ATHLETE

I have read, accept and support the intent of this handbook. I agree to uphold the guidelines outlined in the Player Code of Conduct

Name of Player(please print) _____

Signature of the Player _____

Signed this _____ day of _____ month _____ year

PARENT (GUARDIAN) OF PLAYER / ATHLETE

I have read, Accept, and support the intent of this handbook. I have discussed the implications of this handbook with my family member. I give my permission for my child to participate in all practices, games and tournaments as member of this community.

Name of Parent/Guardian(please print) _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____

Signed this _____ day of _____ month _____ year

COACHES

I have read, accept and support the intent of this handbook. I agree to uphold the guidelines outlined in the Coach Code of Conduct

Name of Coach(please print) _____

Signature of the Coach

Name of Coach(please print) _____

Signature of the Coach

Name of Coach(please print) _____

Signature of the Coach

Signed this _____ day of _____ month _____ year