



## **Parent Code of Conduct**

Newton Youth Soccer Association (NYSA) has implemented the following code of conduct for the important message it holds about the proper role of parents/guardians in supporting their child in sports. Parents/Guardians must read, understand, and sign this form prior to their children participating in practices or games.

Any parent/guardian guilty of improper conduct at any game or practice will be asked to leave the sports facility and be suspended from the following game.

Repeat violations of the Code of Conduct may result in (but not limited to) a multiple game suspension, the season forfeiture of the privilege of attending all games and practices, and/or the removal of offender's player(s) from the team (with no refund of fees) and is at the discretion of the NYSA Board.

All incidents of parent/guardian misconduct will be documented and kept on file with the NYSA Board.

### **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."

I therefore agree:

1. I will not force my child to participate in soccer.
2. I will remember that children participate to have fun and that the game is for youth, not adults.
3. I will inform the coach of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others.
4. I will learn the rules of the game and the policies of the league.
5. I understand that the NYSA Board will appoint the coach(es) for my child's team, and I will not protest their appointment or attempt to undermine their position in any manner.
6. I (and my guests) will be a positive role model for my child and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, officials, and spectators at every game and practice.
7. I (and my guests) will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player, or parent such as booing and taunting, or using profane language or gestures.
8. I take full responsibility for the actions and behaviors of my guest spectators. I will encourage my guests to behave in the sportsmanlike conduct detailed in this agreement.

9. I will not encourage any behaviors or habits that would endanger the health and well being of the athletes.
10. I will teach my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
11. I will demand that my child treat other players, coaches, officials and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, gender, or ability.
12. I will teach my child that doing one's best is more important than winning, so that my child will never feel defeated by the outcome of a game or his/her performance.
13. I will praise my child for competing fairly and trying hard, and make my child feel like a success in their attempts.
14. I will never ridicule or yell at my child or other participants for making a mistake or losing a competition.
15. I will emphasize skill development and practices and how they benefit my child over winning.
16. I will promote the emotional and physical well being of the athletes ahead of any personal desire I may have for my child to win.
17. I will respect the officials and their authority during games and will never question, discuss, or confront coaches at the game field. I will take time to speak with coaches at an agreed upon time and place.
18. I will support a sports environment for my child that is free from drugs, tobacco, and alcohol, and I will refrain from their use at all sports events.
19. I will refrain from coaching my child or other players during games and practices, unless I am one of the official coaches of the team.
20. If I cannot resolve a conflict by using this code of conduct, I will contact the NYSA board to discuss.

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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Date

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Printed Name of Parent/Guardian

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Printed Name of Parent/Guardian

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Printed Name of Player

