

CODE OF ETHICS FOR PLAYERS

Players can often be responsible for the well being and smooth functioning of a team. By following the “**Code of Ethics for Players,**” participants are able to be a strong positive influence on the entire season.

I WILL:

Try to develop my skills to the best of my ability and to give my best effort in competition. Personal development is a big part of soccer.

Compete within the rules of soccer. Winning isn't everything.

Be respectful to coaches, referees, parents and players. Do not create an incident that would be cause for your removal from the game.

Be a positive influence on the team. Recognize that your behavior becomes a model others may choose to emulate. Good sportsmanship and positive support for your teammates, and others, is a necessity for all players.

Follow the team rules established by the coach. If the coach is constantly confronted with discipline problems, practices and games will not be fun for anyone.

Attend every practice and game that I can and will notify my coach if I cannot.

Alert my parents and/or coaches if soccer stops being fun or if I feel that I have not received a fair and equal amount of playing time.

Not allow practices and games to take precedence over school and homework. Soccer is a game. There are many things in life that are more important.

I hereby pledge to follow this Player's Code of Ethics.

SIGNATURE

DATE

MAXIMUM PENALTIES FOR VIOLATING PLAYERS' CODE OF ETHICS

Every coach is hereby instructed to make all players aware and knowledgeable of the following penalties for breaches of the Players' Code of Ethics. Please make copies of this page and review them with your parents and players.

1. Abusive language to an official, player, coach or spectator –
EJECTION/1 GAME SUSPENSION
2. Foul language to an official, player or spectator –
CAUTION or EJECTION/1 GAME SUSPENSION
3. Threatening actions or words towards officials, players or spectators –
EJECTION/1 GAME SUSPENSION
4. Aggressive physical contact with referee, i.e. grabbing the arm, turning the individual around, poking, bumping –
EJECTION AND 4 GAME SUSPENSION
5. Aggressive physical contact with players –
EJECTION/1 GAME SUSPENSION - 2ND OFFENSE/4 GAME SUSPENSION
6. Striking an official –
EJECTION AND EXPULSION FOR SEASON (Expulsion must be approved by the National Board of Directors)

