

Player's Conduct Code

As a player for the SYSA it is my responsibility to:

- Play for the fun of it, not just to please my parents or coach.
- Behave responsibly and respectfully to all teammates, parents, coaches, officials, opposing teams, their staff, and all guests.
- Remember that foul or degrading language and unsportsmanlike behavior is unacceptable.
- Never argue with or complain about referees' calls or decisions.
- Control my temper. Most of all, resist the temptation to retaliate when I feel I have been wronged.
- Be responsible and respectful to all equipment, playing fields, and surrounding facilities.
- Play by the Laws of the Game.
- Concentrate on playing soccer with my best efforts. Work equally hard for my team and myself.
- Be a good sport by cheering all good plays, whether it is my team's or my opponent's.
- Treat all players as I would like to be treated.
- Remember that the goals of the game are to have fun, improve skills and feel good. Don't be a showoff or a ball hog.
- Cooperate with my coaches, teammates, opponents, and the referees.
- Be prepared for every practice and game with proper equipment/gear and ready to participate. Gear includes appropriate shoes, shin guards, uniform, water, and weather appropriate clothing.
- There will be no threatening or ridiculing anyone in attendance based on their race, gender, age, color, national origin, ethnicity, disability, sexual orientation, or religion.

PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS

Initial violation: A verbal warning from the coach or referee

2nd violation: Player may be asked to sit for half of a game

3rd violation: Player may be required to miss a whole game

More violations: The privilege of participating in SYSA may be revoked

Egregious acts of misconduct will result in immediate removal

There will be no verbal or physical abuse, threatening or ridiculing anyone in attendance based on their race, gender, age, color, national origin, ethnicity, disability, sexual orientation, or religion. Violation of these rules will result in the appropriate penalty, including ejection from this and all future SYSA games.

Parents/Guardian and Spectator Conduct Code

As a parent/guardian or spectator, you have a special role in contributing to the needs and development of these youngsters. Through your encouragement and good example, you can help assure the effectiveness of the SYSA program.

- Support Your Child
- Always Be Positive
- Be Enthusiastic and Supportive while being respectful of the other teams' players and spectators.
- Remember that foul or degrading language and unsportsmanlike behavior is unacceptable.
- Reinforce Positive Behavior
- Make sure your child arrives to practice and games on time.
- Do not drop your child off at practice or game without first making sure the coach is present and accounted for.
- Notify the Coach if your player will be absent from a game or practice as soon as possible. Teams need a specific number of players for game play, notifying us ASAP will give us time to get a substitute or plan to play short sided.
- Have your child's registration fees paid in full before the registration deadline
- Behave responsibly and respectfully to all players, parents, coaches, officials, opposing teams, their staff, and all guests.
- Let Coaches Coach, Coaches are usually parents. They volunteer their time to help make your child's youth soccer experience a positive one. They need your support, too. What coaches do not need is your help coaching from the sidelines. Please refrain from coaching during games and practices. They are volunteers and need your support and encouragement. Treat them fairly and respectfully.
- Respect the referees' decisions/calls. Many of our referees are youths and play. They take their time to help make your team's youth soccer experience a positive one and expand their knowledge of the game. Referees are not the "bad guys." They see the game from a different view than the coach or spectators and make calls based on what they see, please respect their calls at all times. Referees are an essential part of the program and need your support. Treat them and their calls fairly and respectfully.

If you feel that there can be some improvements made to our program, there are several ways:

- 1) Please approach a board member, call, or email your suggestions or concerns.
- 2) Find a way to volunteer. We can always use help, coaching or assistant coaching, field set up and take down and refereeing are a few options.

Coaches Conduct Code

As a coach for the SYSA it is my responsibility to:

- Enthusiastically support and practice the "Everyone Plays," "Good Sportsmanship," "Positive Coaching" and "Player Development" philosophies of SYSA.
- Conduct yourself in a positive manner as a role model who treats each player, official, parent, opposing team, their staff, and all guests with respect. Be reasonable in my demands on a young player's time, energy, enthusiasm, and performance on the soccer field.
- Remember that foul or degrading language and unsportsmanlike behavior is unacceptable.
- Impress on your players that they must always abide by the Laws of the Game.
- If unable to attend a game or practice please notify the team and the SYSA coach coordinator ASAP. You may ask another volunteer to substitute for you at games and practices, but this person must have completed the background check, concussion training and safe sport training. It is also required that they register as a volunteer with SYSA. If unable to find a substitute, contact SYSA to find one. If a substitute coach cannot be found practice should be canceled/rescheduled and all team members should be notified as early as possible.
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- Develop team respect for the ability of opponents, and for the judgment of referees and opposing coaches.
- Protect the health and well-being of each player and work to ensure that your players' soccer experience is one of fun and enjoyment (winning is only part of it). Players should never be yelled at or ridiculed for making mistakes or losing a game.
- Set a good example and be generous with your praise when it is deserved. Children need a coach they can respect.
- Train/teach your team within their age and skill level to ensure the player feels challenged in a comfortable environment that emphasizes fun, participation, and skill development. Keep informed of sound principles of coaching, growth, and child development.
- Check your equipment and playing facilities. They should meet safety standards and be appropriate for the age and ability of your players.
- Follow the advice of a physician when determining when an injured child is ready to play again.

Referees Conduct Code

As a referee for the SYSA it is my responsibility to:

- Always remember that the game is for the players. Players' safety and fair play come first.
- Study and learn the Laws of the Game and understand the "spirit" of the Laws. Help fellow referees do the same.
- Encourage and enforce the SYSA philosophies of "Everyone Plays," "Positive Coaching" and "Good Sportsmanship."
- Respect other referees' decisions, and do not publicly criticize another official.
- Wear the proper uniform and keep it in good condition.
- Maintain good physical condition to be able keep up with the action.
- Stay calm when confronted with emotional reactions from players, coaches and parents.
- Remember that foul or degrading language and unsportsmanlike behavior is unacceptable.
- Honor accepted game assignments. In an emergency, find a replacement.
- Support good sportsmanship with a kind word to players, coaches, and parents of both teams when deserved.
- Always be fair and impartial, avoiding conflicts of interest. Decisions based on personal bias Are dishonest and unacceptable.