

PARENTS/SPECTATORS CODE OF CONDUCT

Parents must demonstrate their commitment to their child's youth sports experience by annually signing a parental code of conduct. A child should not be allowed to participate if their parent refuses to sign the parental code of conduct.

1. I will ensure that my children participating at SSYS have read and/or understand the Players Code of Conduct.
2. I will demand a sports environment for my child that is free of drugs, tobacco, and alcohol and I will refrain from their use at all youth sports events.
3. I will not yell at or argue with game officials. I understand that this type of behavior does not promote the respect for authority I expect from my children. Mistakes may be made; we are all human.
4. I will never use profanity.
5. I will support my child's coach. I understand that coaches volunteer their personal time to spend it with my child. They need me to be supportive of their decisions and not undermine their efforts. If I don't agree with a coach, I am expected to tell that coach, but to make certain it is done at the right time and place and not in front of the children.
6. I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all involved or attending any game, practice, or other sports event.
7. I will treat the opposing teams' coaches, parents, and players with respect – shouting encouragement, not criticism to all those on the field.
8. I will learn the rules of the sport.
9. I will not enter the field during gameplay at any time unless I am called on by the game official and my child's coach to do so.
10. I will remember that the game is for youth, not for adults.
11. I will do my best to make youth sports fun for my child.
12. I will ask my child to treat other players, coaches, fans, and officials with respect regardless of race, sex, creed, ability, or skill.

Corrective Action Policy:

- Parents who do not follow the Code of Conduct will be subject to a Corrective Action Policy. It is the philosophy of South Side Youth Soccer, that parents should not spoil the experience of participation in youth sports for the children. Furthermore, SSYS will not punish a child for the actions of his or her parent(s). Therefore, the following guidelines have been established for addressing problems with parents.
- For Parents violations of the Code of Conduct, the following steps will be taken:
 - Step 1– Verbal Warning
 - Coach will discuss undesirable conduct with parents and stress that this behavior will not be tolerated. Coach will document this conversation and forward to the Recreation Director.
 - Step 2 – Written Warning
 - Coach or official will notify the Recreation Director of continued breach of Code of Conduct and league will bring parent(s) in for a meeting to discuss actions and what the proper behavior is. Furthermore, there will be a formal letter of reprimand given to the parent(s) stating that the next offense will lead to parent being banned from the sporting event venue for a period of 1 game.
 - Step 3 – Game Suspension
 - South Side Youth Soccer will ban the parent(s) from attending the next scheduled contest and another letter will be given to parent(s) stating that the next offense will lead to parent being banned from all future contests.
 - Step 4 – League Expulsion
 - The parent(s) will be banned from attending all league contests after a 4th offense.
- These guidelines are not absolute in dealing with behavioral problems. Severe situations could merit harsher or quicker sanctions against the parent(s).