

## PLAYERS CODE OF CONDUCT

To the degree to which each player understands their responsibility to safety and respect, you are expected to display good sportsmanship. For those not at a level to understand, their parents are responsible for teaching the player and enforcing good behavior.

1. I will treat my coach, the official, my teammates, and my opponents how I would like to be treated.
2. I will do my best to listen to and learn from my coaches.
3. I will do my best to show commitment to my team by attending every practice and game that I can and I will notify my coach if I cannot.
4. I will expect to play at least half of every game I attend unless I am on suspension for violating the Players Code of Conduct.
5. I will support my teammates and enjoy the competition. I will not intimidate or ridicule the other team or its fans, remembering that sometimes mistakes are made.
6. I will display good sportsmanship such as wishing opponents good luck before the game, encouraging them on the field and congratulating them following either victory or defeat.
7. I will not harm another player on my team or the opposing team out of anger.
8. I will never threaten players, coaches, spectators, or officials with harm.
9. I deserve to play in an environment that is free of drugs, tobacco and alcohol and expect adults to refrain from their use at all youth sports events.
10. I will encourage my parents to be involved with my team in some capacity because it is important to me.
11. I will do my best in school.
12. I deserve to have fun during my sports experience and I will alert parents or coaches if it stops being fun!

### Corrective Action Policy:

- Players who fail to adhere to the Code of Conduct or do not live up to their responsibilities or expectations will be subject to disciplinary action. South Side Youth Soccer has instituted a Corrective Action Policy to establish appropriate consequences for inappropriate behavior.
- The Corrective Action Policy is a guide to assist coaches and South Side Youth Soccer run a quality program. The Corrective Action Policy is a 4-step system designed to forgive a mistake but to firmly address chronic misbehavior.
- For Players violations of the Code of Conduct, these steps will be followed:
  - Step 1 – Verbal Warning
    - Coach will discuss undesirable conduct with player and parents and stress that this behavior will not be tolerated.
  - Step 2 – Partial Game Suspension
    - Coach will bench the offending player for  $\frac{1}{4}$  of time during a game when he/she should be playing. Coach will inform the Recreation Director of the problem and why the child is sitting out  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the game during time when he/she should be playing.
  - Step 3 – Game Suspension
    - Coach will bench the offending player for 1 entire game when he/she should be playing. Coach will inform Recreation Director of the 3rd offense, at which time the player and the parent(s) must attend a meeting with the Coach and the Recreation Director before the player is allowed to resume playing. The player will be warned that the next offense will result in his/her expulsion from the league.
  - Step 4 – Season Expulsion
    - The participant on the 4th offense will be expelled from the league and no refund will be given. The player will then have to make a formal request to be re-instated into this league. The child and parent(s) will then have to meet with the Recreation Director prior to the start of the season to determine if the child is capable of playing within the guidelines of this program.
- These guidelines are not absolute in dealing with behavioral problems. Severe situations could merit harsher or quicker sanctions against the participant.