

GCYSA Ethics Codes

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Soccer Player Code of Ethics

(NSCAA)

1. Players strive for success while playing fairly, observing the Laws of the Game and the highest levels of sportsmanship.
2. Players shall treat officials with respect and dignity.
3. Opponents are worthy of being treated with respect. Player will model such respect for opponents and expect their teammates to do likewise.
4. In both victory and defeat, the behavior of a soccer player shall model grace, dignity and composure.
5. The soccer player shall adhere to the highest standards and regulations of the institutions they represent: clubs, schools, sponsoring organizations and sports governing bodies.
6. Soccer players shall have a responsibility to promote the interests of soccer, including treating media with courtesy, honesty and respect.
7. Soccer players shall model inclusive behavior, actively supporting cultural diversity while opposing all types of discrimination, including, but not limited to, racism and sexism, at all levels of soccer.
8. Soccer players are responsible for taking an active role in their education about, prevention and treatment of drug, alcohol and tobacco abuse in their own lives.
9. Players shall refrain from all manner of personal abuse and harassment of others, whether verbal, physical, emotional or sexual, and shall oppose such abuse and harassment at all levels of soccer.
10. Soccer players shall seek to honor those who uphold the highest standards and principles of soccer and shall use appropriate protocol to oppose and eliminate all behavior that brings disrepute to the sport – violence, abuse, dishonesty, disrespect and violations of the Laws of the Game and rules of competition.

Soccer Coach/Manager Code of Ethics

(NSCAA)

1. Soccer is the players' game. The paramount concern of coaches is the holistic development, welfare, enjoyment and safety of their players.
2. Coaches bear responsibility for teaching their players to strive for success while playing fairly, observing the Laws of the Game and the highest levels of sportsmanship.
3. Coaches shall treat officials with respect and dignity, and shall teach their players to do the same.
4. Our opponents are worthy of being treated with respect. Coaches will model such respect for opponents and expect their players to do likewise.
5. In both victory and defeat, the behavior of a coach shall model grace, dignity and composure.
6. Coaches shall adhere to the highest standards and the regulations of the institutions they represent: clubs, schools, sponsoring organizations and sports governing bodies.
7. Coaches have a responsibility to promote the interests of soccer, including treating media with courtesy, honesty and respect.
8. Coaches shall model inclusive behavior, actively supporting cultural diversity while opposing all types of discrimination, including, but not limited to, racism and sexism, at all levels of soccer.
9. Coaches are responsible for taking an active role in education about, and prevention and treatment of, drug, alcohol and tobacco abuse, both in their own lives and in the lives of their players.
10. Coaches shall refrain from all manner of personal abuse and harassment of others, whether verbal, physical, emotional or sexual, and shall oppose such abuse and harassment at all levels of soccer.
11. Coaches shall respect the declared affiliations of all players, and shall adhere to all guidelines and regulations on recruiting established by the governing bodies having oversight of their teams and leagues.
12. Coaches shall seek to honor those who uphold the highest standards and principles of soccer and shall use appropriate protocol to oppose and eliminate all behavior that brings disrepute to the sport - violence, abuse, dishonesty, disrespect and violations of the Laws of the Game and rules governing competition.

Soccer Parent/Spectator Code of Ethics

(numerous clubs)

I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, game officials, and administrators at all times.

I will place the emotional and physical well being of all players ahead of any personal desire to win.

I will support the coaches, officials, and administrators working with my child, in order to encourage a positive and enjoyable experience for all.

I will remember that the game is for the players, not for the adults.

I will ask my child to treat other players, coaches, game officials, administrators, and fans with respect.

I will always be positive.

I will always allow the coach to be the only coach.

I will not get into arguments with the opposing team's parents, players, or coaches.

I will not come onto the field for any reason during the game.

I will not criticize game officials.

Alcohol, illegal drugs and unauthorized prescription drugs shall not be possessed, consumed or distributed before, during or after any game or at any other time at the field and/or game complex.

I will refrain from any activity or conduct that may be detrimental or reflect adversely upon GCYSA, its members or its programs.

Soccer Referee Code of Ethics

(USSF)

That I shall always maintain the utmost respect for the game of soccer.

That I will conduct myself honorably at all times and maintain the dignity of my position.

That I shall always honor a contractual obligation.

That I will endeavor to attend local meetings and clinics so as best to know the Laws of the Game and their proper interpretations.

That I will always strive to achieve maximum teamwork with my fellow referees.

That I shall be loyal to my fellow referees, and never knowingly promote criticism of them.

That I shall be in good physical condition so as to be in the right place at the right time.

That I will control the players effectively by being courteous and considerate without sacrificing firmness.

That I shall do my utmost to assist my fellow officials to better themselves and their work.

That I shall not make statements about any game except to clarify an interpretation of the Laws of the Game.

That I consider it a privilege to be a part of the United States Soccer Federation and I will strive to make my actions reflect credit upon that organization and its affiliates.