

SPARTA SOCCER CLUB

MEMBERSHIP CODE OF CONDUCT

All players, coaches, trainers and parents (SSC members) are expected to exhibit good sportsmanship at all times, on and off the field, at all games, regular league or tournament, and at practice sessions. Soccer programs play an important role in promoting the physical, social and emotional development of children. It is therefore essential for parents, coaches and officials to encourage youth athletes to embrace the values of good sportsmanship. Moreover, adults involved in soccer events should be models of good sportsmanship and should lead by example by demonstrating fairness, respect and self-control. It is expected that you will be responsible for your words and actions while attending, coaching, officiating or participating in a soccer event and shall conform your behavior to the following code of conduct:

1. To not engage in unsportsmanlike conduct with any coach, parent, player, participant, official or any other attendee.
2. To not encourage your child, or any other person, to engage in unsportsmanlike conduct with any coach, parent, player, participant, official or any other attendee.
3. To not engage in any behavior, which would endanger the health, safety or well being of any coach, parent, player, participant, official or any other attendee.
4. To not encourage your child, or any other person, to engage in any behavior, which would endanger the health, safety or well being of any coach, parent, player, participant, official or any other attendee.
5. To not use drugs or alcohol while at a soccer event and will not attend, coach, officiate or participate in a youth sports event while under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
6. To not permit your child, or encourage any other person, to use drugs, alcohol or tobacco products at a soccer event and will not permit your child, or encourage any other person, to attend, coach, officiate or participate in a soccer event while under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
7. To not engage in the use of profanity and negative verbalizations.
8. To not encourage your child, or any other person, to engage in the use of profanity.
9. To treat any coach, parent, player, participant, official or any other attendee with respect regardless of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation or ability.
10. To encourage your child to treat any coach, parent, player, participant, official or any other attendee with respect regardless of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation or ability.
11. To not engage in verbal or physical threats or abuse aimed at any coach, parent, player, participant, official or any other attendee.
12. To not encourage your child, or any other person, to engage in verbal or physical threats or abuse aimed at any coach, parent, player, participant, official or any other attendee.
13. To not initiate a fight or scuffle with any coach, parent, player, participant, official or any other attendee.
14. To not encourage your child, or any other person, to initiate a fight or scuffle with any coach, parent, player, participant, official or any other attendee.
15. Players and coaches will shake hands with the opposing team after every game.
16. All coaches, parents, players and spectators are responsible for containing litter on and off the fields. At the conclusion of each game, the home team should inspect the field to insure that all litter has been placed in the receptacle and or removed from the field and surrounding area.

Failure to conform your conduct to the foregoing while attending, coaching, officiating or participating in a soccer event will be subject to disciplinary action and or fines, including but not limited to the following in any order or combination:

1. Verbal warning.
2. Written warning.
3. Suspension or immediate ejection from the youth sporting event.
4. \$200.00 Fine*
5. Season suspension or multiple season suspension.

* This is in addition to any disciplinary measures or fines levied by MCYSA, NJYS or any other league. Fine will be the sole responsibility of the offender. **Coach's Signature** _____

Any issues, complaints or problems should be directed to your coach, SSC Director of coaches, or League Contact for action, resolution or consideration. Don't take matters into your own hands!

Approved by SSC Board of Directors 6/10/2010

US Youth Soccer - Code of Conduct

- Play the game for the game's sake.
- Be generous when you win.
- Be graceful when you lose.
- Be fair always no matter what the cost.
- Obey the laws of the game.
- Work for the good of your team.
- Accept the decisions of the officials with good grace.
- Believe in the honesty of your opponents.
- Conduct yourself with honor and dignity.

10 Ways to Know You Are Too Wrapped Up in Your Child's Sport

- You want to be an official of your child's sport because you believe that you can make better calls than the referees.
- You have your child practicing every night at home until after dark.
- During your child's game, you start talking about games when you were a kid.
- You start calling players on other teams names and make calls or noises when they're trying to focus.
- You call players on your child's team names or make calls or comments, hoping they'll mess up so that your child receives more playing time.
- You coach your child's team and let your kid play more than others because you think they are better than anyone else on the team.
- You make your child cry before, during or after a game by your actions or comments towards them.
- Your child wants to quit playing and you want to keep coaching, telling them he/she's a quitter or a loser.
- You encourage your child to play with an injury or illness, telling them that they're a loser or weak if they don't.
- You threaten your child, a player, another parent, coach or official with physical harm for any reason.