



Kirkwood Soccer Club



Kirkwood Soccer Club (KSC) Member Code of Conduct Agreement and Policy

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Code of Conduct for Members:

This code of ethics has been developed to clarify and distinguish approved and accepted personal, ethical, and moral behavior from that which is detrimental to the development of the sport of soccer. KSC members are expected to abide and agree to these code of ethics while attending any KSC sponsored event at all locations.

Responsibility to Kirkwood Soccer Club:

1. Members will honor and respect the processes of the KSC bylaws including the organizational reporting structure, decisions of the Director of Coaching and KSC Board which includes but is not limited to daily club operations, athletic program operations (soccer or otherwise), future development planning, and affiliation with regards to the Delaware Youth Soccer Association, U.S. Youth Soccer association, and the U.S. Soccer association.
2. Proposals about changes to the club should be given in a positive, collaborative manor verbally or in writing to KSC Board members. It is the club's Board member's role to bring the suggestion to the rest of the Board of Directors members so that it can be discussed and reviewed.

Responsibility of Conduct – Members agree with the following:

1. Members will not force a player to participate in soccer.
2. Remember that players participate to have fun and that the game is for players, not adults.
3. Inform the coach of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my player or the safety of others.
4. Refrain from coaching their player or other players during games and practices from the sideline, unless they are designated as one of the official coaches of the team.
5. Be a positive role model for all players and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, officials and spectators at every KSC event and will never ridicule or yell at any player for making a mistake or losing a competition.
6. Not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player, or parent such as booing and taunting, or using profane language or gestures.
7. Teach their player to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence and will not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and well-being of any of the players.
8. See that their player treats other players, coaches, officials and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, color, sex, or ability.
9. Teach their player that doing one's best is more important than winning, so that their player will never feel defeated by the outcome of a game or his/her performance and praise them for their effort.
10. Emphasize skill development and practices and how they benefit their player over winning.
11. Deemphasize games and competition in the lower age groups.
12. Provide a sports environment for their player that is free from drugs, tobacco, and alcohol and refrain from their use at every KSC event.
13. Learn the rules of the game and the policies of Kirkwood Soccer Club, Delaware Youth Soccer, U.S. Youth Soccer, and U.S. Soccer.



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14. Members agree not entering the playing field/player sideline unless directed by coaches or game officials.

Responsibility to Officials:

1. Members will always refrain from criticizing officials in the presence of players. Officials must have the support of coaches, players, and spectators. Criticism of officials undermines their purpose in the game.
2. Members agree to treat all officials with respect before, during, and after the game. Officials should be addressed as "Referee" and not by name. Professional respect should be mutual and there should be no demeaning dialogue or gesture between official, coach or player. Members must not incite players or spectators or attempt to disrupt the flow of play.

Responsibility to Coaches:

1. Members will discourage any negative spectator behavior and refer spectators / parents to the Member Code of Conduct.
2. Members behavior towards coaches should be professional at all times. If there are any disagreements with coaches, it is expected that such discussions are handled calmly, professionally, and in private. Members should never confront coaches on the playing field or around players.
3. Coach misconduct is expected to be provided to the KSC Board in writing detailing facts, times, and location information if warranted.
4. Members must abide by coaching decisions on the field.

Conduct Disciplinary Actions:

All members of KSC agree that their actions/behavior are subject to the authority of or may be reviewed by the Kirkwood Soccer Club President or any KSC Board of Director. They also agree that if they fail to abide by the aforementioned rules and guidelines, they will be subject to disciplinary action that could include, but is not limited to the following:

1. Verbal warning by the Kirkwood Soccer Club President.
2. Written warning from the Kirkwood Soccer Club President.
3. Suspension for a period of time determined by the KSC Board President with written documentation of the incident kept on file.
4. Removal from the club.

Actions will be taken based on the severity of the incidence and a member's history with the club. Continued disregard for these expectations will be seen as disruptive to the operation of KSC that is needed to function successfully. All disciplinary actions shall follow the Kirkwood Soccer Club (KSC) Code of Conduct Policy Procedures.