



Code of Conduct

Coaches, Team Managers and Club Officials

We have a responsibility to promote high standards of behavior in the game. Space Coast United Soccer Club implements this code of decorum to ensure soccer can be enjoyed in a safe, positive environment. Remember, youth soccer is a time for players to develop their technical, physical, tactical and social skills. Winning isn't everything. Play your part and help enforce the Space Coast United Soccer Club Code of Decorum for Coaches, Team Managers and Club Officials at all times.

On and off the field, I will:

- Show respect to others involved in the game including match officials, opposing players, coaches, managers, officials and spectators
- Adhere to the laws and spirit of the game
- Promote fair play and high standards of behavior
- Always respect the match official's decisions
- Never enter the field of play without referee's permission
- Never engage in public criticism of the match officials
- Never engage in, or tolerate, offensive, insulting or abusive language or behavior

When working with players, I will:

- Place the well-being, safety and enjoyment of each player above everything, including winning
- Explain exactly what I expect of players and what they can expect from me
- Ensure that all parents/guardians of all players under the age of 18 understand these expectations
- Never engage in or tolerate any form of bullying
- Develop mutual trust and respect with every player to build their self-esteem
- Encourage each player to accept responsibility for their own behavior and performance
- Ensure all activities I organize are appropriate for the players' ability level, age and maturity
- Co-operate fully with others in soccer (e.g. officials, doctors, physiotherapists) for each player's best Interests

I understand that if I do not follow the Code, any/all of the following actions may be taken by Space Coast United Soccer Club. I may be:

- Required to meet with a club director
- Required to meet with a club committee
- Monitored by another club coach or director
- Required to attend and education course
- Suspended or fined by the club
- Required to leave or be fired by the club



We all share a responsibility to promote high standards of behavior. Space Coast United Soccer Club implements this code of decorum to ensure soccer can be enjoyed in a safe, positive environment. Remember, youth soccer is a time for players to develop their technical, physical, tactical, and social skills. Winning isn't everything. Play your part and help enforce the Space Coast United Soccer Club Code of Decorum for Spectators, Parents/Guardians, and Players at all times.

Spectators and Parents/Guardians

I will:

- Remember that children play for FUN
- Applaud effort and good play as well as success
- Always respect the match officials' decisions
- Remain outside the field of play and within the Designated Spectators' Area
- Let the coaches do their job and not confuse the players by telling them what to do
- Encourage the players to respect the opposition, referee and match officials
- Avoid criticizing a player for making a mistake – mistakes are part of learning
- Never engage in, or tolerate, offensive, insulting, or abusive language or behavior.

I understand that if I do not follow the Code, any/all of the following actions may be taken by Space Coast United Soccer Club, I may be:

- Issued with a verbal warning from a club official
- Required to meet with a club official
- Required to meet with a club committee
- Obligated to undertake an education course
- Obligated to leave the match venue by the club
- Requested by the club not to attend future games
- Required to leave the club along with any dependents

Players

When playing soccer:

- I will always play to the best of my ability
- I will play fairly – I won't cheat, complain or waste time
- I will respect my teammates, the other team, the referee, and my coach/manager
- I will play by the rules, as directed by the referee
- I will shake hands with the other team and referee at the end of the game
- I will listen and respond to what my coach/team manager tells me
- I will talk to the coach and then director if not resolved when unhappy

I understand that if I do not follow the Code, any/all of the following actions may be taken by Space Coast United Soccer Club, I may:

- Be required to apologize to my teammates, the other team, referee, and/or coach/manager
- Receive a formal warning from the coach or the board of directors
- Be substituted
- Be suspended from training
- Be required to leave the club