

SSA General Code of Conduct

In general, children's sports are supposed to be fun - for the children. To that end, the following Standards of Conduct are set forth by Southern Soccer Academy to govern the behaviors of players, coaches, and spectators before, during, and after soccer matches:

1. All members of the club are subject to the Operating Policies and the By-laws of the club. Failure to comply with, SSA's, a team's or a specific activity's rules (dress code, attendance, etc.) is cause for discipline and/or dismissal from Southern Soccer Academy, and removal from game facilities.
2. No player or coach will be excluded from participation, or discriminated against in the club due to race, creed, religion, or national origin.
3. All members will respect one another and the integrity of the game.
4. The coach shall assume responsibility for all actions of players, spectators, and parents.
5. A consistently positive attitude shall be conveyed towards players, coaches, officials, and spectators.
6. The club shall expect genuine cooperation between coaches within their own age group and all the others.
7. No ill-tempered behavior shall be displayed.
8. No remarks shall be addressed to opposing players, coaches, spectators, or to referees, except when comments convey genuine friendship and respect, or direct response to questions by the game official.
9. Use of profane language is not acceptable and will not be tolerated.
10. There will be "zero tolerance" for assault upon, hazing, disorderly conduct toward, harassment of, intimidation of, or discrimination against another player, coach, parent or spectator.
11. No smoking or alcohol consumption shall be allowed during soccer matches and soccer practices.
12. Destruction of property or violation of State and Federal laws is cause for dismissal from Southern Soccer Academy.
13. The use of noise-making or amplifying devices is prohibited.
14. Parents should sit on the opposite side of the field from the coaches when possible. No-one apart from authorized individuals such as players, coaches, and official team managers are allowed to sit on the team bench.

