

# SUBURBAN COUNTIES SOCCER LEAGUE

## Player Information and Pledge

Hello and **WELCOME** to the **Suburban Counties Soccer League (SCSL)**. We look forward to your participation this year. To prevent misunderstandings and to insure that everyone involved in the **SCSL** has a favorable experience, we want to highlight a few things about our league and ask you to read and accept our **Player Pledge** below.

The **Suburban Counties Soccer League** is a **RECREATIONAL** League as defined by the Eastern Pennsylvania Youth Soccer Association, EPYS, and the United States Soccer Federation. We are **NOT** a Travel League. All players are assumed to be intramural in their skill levels and should **NOT** have been issued any Player ID passes normally issued by Travel Leagues for the current soccer year, which starts August 1st each year and runs to the following July 31st. We do **NOT** record scores after a game nor do we publish standings. We **ARE** a **Co-ed** league and we have detailed rules for making sure that there are female players on all rosters and on the playing field in each **SCSL** Game. We use a Licensed Referee Assignor, as required by EPYS, and all Referees are licensed as well. The Referees are to be treated with respect at all times.

We do **NOT** allow the “running up” of any score during a Game. A three (**3**) Goal margin is considered the maximum allowed before Coaches with the lead are asked to take steps to avoid further scoring. Moving or benching “scorers” and playing with fewer players are suggested options along with encouraging multiple touches of the ball before a shot on goal.

The **SCSL** is proud of its long history of good sportsmanship and quality Recreation play. All Coaches and Players are expected to line up and shake hands at the end of each Game.

Therefore, we ask each Player to read and take this **Player’s Pledge**;

- I accept the intent of the **SCSL** and will do my best to play within the **SCSL** Rules and spirit of **Recreation** play.
- I will respect my teammates, my opponents, the Referee, all the Coaches and all spectators and **NOT** engage in any verbal or physical abuse of anyone.
- I will **NOT** run up the score on my opponents and will endeavor to limit the goal differential to **3** goals or less in any game in which I participate.
- I have fully informed my Coach and my Club of all of my soccer activities beyond the specific **SCSL** team that I am joining. This includes;
  - I verify that I am **NOT** a member of any Travel League
  - I have informed them which School teams I belong to and whether I am a starting Varsity player (acceptable for **SCSL** play but in a controlled manner or role)
  - I have informed them of **ANY** other soccer teams which include me on their roster
- I will **NOT** Play for two **SCSL** teams on a regular basis but only occasionally and on a rotating basis with all other teammates when necessary.

Please inform your Coach if you cannot abide by any of the above bullet points.

***See you on the Pitch!***

