

Club Codes of Conduct

North Branford Soccer Club is committed to providing a positive sports participation opportunity to every child that registers for one of our programs. We have established a Code of Conduct Policy outlining how both players and their parent spectators and coaches are expected to conduct themselves.

Parent Code of Conduct

I hereby pledge that:

- I will provide positive support, care and encouragement for my child participating in youth sports.
- I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, and officials at every game, practice, or other youth sports events.
- I will place the emotional and physical well-being of my child ahead of personal desire to win.
- I will insist that my child play in a safe and healthy environment.
- I will support coaches and officials working with my child, in order to encourage a positive and enjoyable experience for all.
- I will demand a sports environment for my child that is free of drugs, tobacco, and alcohol, and will refrain from their use at all Branford Soccer Club sanctioned activities.
- I will remember that the game is for youth not for adults.
- I will do my very best to make youth sports fun for my child.
- I will ask my child to treat other players, coaches, fans, and officials with respect regardless of race, sex, creed or ability.
- I promise to help my child enjoy the youth sports experience by doing whatever I can, such as being a respectable fan, assisting with coaching, or providing transportation.
- I promise to communicate through the team coach. Concerns, or constructive criticisms, are welcome and should be expressed away from training sessions and games.
- I promise to share my concerns pertaining to the behavior of referees, other league officials, coaches, spectators or other volunteers with the appropriate League Commissioner.
- I promise to fulfill all financial obligations.

Player Code of Conduct

I hereby pledge that:

- I will be positive about my youth sports experience and accept responsibility for my participation by following this Player Code of Conduct Pledge.
- I will encourage good sportsmanship from fellow players, coaches, officials and parents at every game and practice by demonstrating good sportsmanship.
- I will attend every practice and game that I can, and will notify my coach if I cannot.
- I will do my best to listen and learn from my coaches.
- I will treat my coaches, other players, officials and fans with respect regardless of race, sex, creed, or abilities, and I will expect to be treated accordingly.
- I deserve to have fun during my sports experience and will alert parents or coaches if it stops being fun!
- I deserve to play in an environment that is free of drugs, tobacco, and alcohol and expect adults to refrain from their use at all Branford Soccer Club sanctioned activities.
- I will encourage my parents to be involved with my team in some capacity because it is important to me.
- I will do my very best in school.
- I will remember that sports are an opportunity to learn and have fun.

Coach Code of Conduct

I hereby pledge that:

- I will provide positive support, care and encouragement for the children participating in youth sports.
- I will be responsible for all the kids on my team.
- I will do my best to ensure that all the kids have fun playing sports.
- I will treat all kids with respect and avoid negative criticism.
- I will teach all kids the skills of the game, the values of teamwork and the meaning of good sportsmanship.
- I will lead by example and always demonstrate good sportsmanship during games.
- I will provide fair or equal amount of playing time when coaching at the recreation level unless otherwise noted.
- I will provide only encouragement and positive direction to players during games.
- I will know the rules and always play by the rules.
- I will respect the officials and their authority during games.
- I will communicate with the parents on my team and inform them of all team rules, practices and games.

- I will respect all facilities and equipment made available for my team to practice and play games.
- I will not use profanity, abusive language or threatening behavior towards any player, parent, coach or official.
- I will refrain from use of drugs, alcohol and tobacco at all North Branford Soccer Club sanctioned activities.
- I will remember that I am a youth coach, and that the game is for children and not adults.
- I will provide a safe play situation and use coaching techniques appropriate for each player.

Conduct Unbecoming

The following conduct will be subject to disciplinary procedures:

- The physical abuse of any person. This includes, but is not limited to, hitting, slapping, kicking, jerking or any other physical contact designed to discipline or humiliate.
- The verbal abuse of any person. This includes disparaging or derogatory comments directed at players, coaches, referees, officials or parents.
- The consumption or possession of firearms, weapons, illegal substances, alcohol or tobacco at any North Branford Soccer Club sanctioned activity.
- The unsafe use of a motor vehicle at any North Branford Soccer Club sanctioned activity.
- The abuse of property, vandalism or theft while participating in any North Branford Soccer Club sanctioned activity.
- The failure to leave the playing field or sideline immediately when instructed to do so by a game official, referee, coach or any North Branford Soccer Club Board member.
- Incurring intentionally large scores/lopsided defeats.
- Disruptive attempts to coach from the sideline.
- Any extreme or unusual practice or drill that could be harmful.
- Players leaving any activity prior to its completion without permission from the manager, coach, or volunteer in charge.
- Dishonesty or cheating.
- The use of profanity.
- Other forms of conduct, not specifically described above, may be subject to disciplinary action from the North Branford Soccer Club

Misconduct as outlined above may be subject to but not limited to the following levels of disciplinary action:

- Coach and/or league coordinator conference with players parent or guardian;
- Ejection from a game;
- Suspension from practice(s) or game(s);
- Suspension from the grounds for a specified time;
- Expulsion from North Branford Soccer Club

Determination of the disciplinary action issued for any code of conduct violation is at the sole discretion of the appropriate league official(s) or their representatives and the North Branford Soccer Club Disciplinary Committee.