



Kiel Soccer

Players, Coaches, Parents and Spectators

Code of Conduct

(Adopted February, 2011)

The essential elements of character building and ethics in sports are embodied in the concepts of sportsmanship, trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and good citizenship. Please read and abide by the code of conduct that has been developed to clarify and distinguish acceptable behavior that is necessary to the development of the sport of soccer.

Being either a player, manager, coach or parent, I have read and understand the Kiel Soccer Association Code of Conduct and the Field Rules. I agree to abide to this code of conduct and practice good sportsmanship throughout the season. I pledge to help enforce this conduct as written to better the soccer experience for all.

PLAYERS:

- I will encourage good sportsmanship from fellow players, coaches, officials and parents at all times.
- I will always remember that soccer is an opportunity to learn and have fun.
- I deserve to play in an environment that is free of drugs, tobacco and alcohol: and expect everyone to refrain from their use at all soccer training and games.
- I will do the best I can each day, remembering that all players have talents and weaknesses the same as I do.
- I will treat my coaches, other players and coaches, game officials, other administrators, and fans with respect at all times; regardless of race, sex, creed or abilities and I will expect to be treated accordingly.
- I will concentrate on playing soccer, always giving my best effort.
- I will play by the rules at all times.
- I will at all times control my temper, resisting the temptation to retaliate.
- My conduct during competition towards play of the game and all officials shall be in accordance with appropriate behavior, and in accordance with FIFA'S Laws of The Game, and in adherence to WYSA rules.
- While traveling, I will conduct myself so as to be a credit to myself, and my team.
- A player cannot be cut from a team after he/she is registered to that team, unless he/she has exhibited conduct requiring dismissal, without prior consent from the BOARD OF DIRECTORS. If requested by the player and/or parent, a hearing must be held for any involuntary player release.
- Alcohol, illegal drugs, tobacco products and unauthorized prescription drugs shall not be possessed, consumed or distributed before, during or after any game or at any time at the field and/or game complex.**

Violence and/or repeated demonstrations of conduct that are in direct violation of the rules of the game, including the combination of caution offenses will be dealt with severely as follows:

- 1st offence: 1 game suspension.
- 2nd offence: 3 game suspension plus judiciary committee hearing.
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PARENTS/SPECTATORS:

- I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, game officials, and administrators at all times.
- I will place the emotional and physical well being of all players ahead of any personal desire to win.
- I will support the coaches, officials, and administrators working with my child, in order to encourage a positive and enjoyable experience for all.
- I will remember that the game is for the players, not for the adults.
- I will ask my child to treat other players, coaches, game officials, administrators, and fans with respect.
- I will always be positive.
- I will always allow the coach to be the only coach, by refraining from coaching from the sidelines.
- I will not enter into arguments with the other team's parents, players, game officials or coaches.
- I will not enter the field of play for any reason during the game.
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COACHES:

- The coach must never place the value of winning over the safety and welfare of players. Winning should be the result of preparation and discipline with emphasis placed on the highest ideals and character traits.
- Coaches should be thoroughly acquainted with and demonstrate a working knowledge of the laws of the game of soccer. Coaches are also responsible to ensure that their players understand the intent as well as the application of the laws.
- Coaches are responsible for their players' actions on the field and must not permit them to perform with the intent of causing injury to opposing players.
- Coaches shall instruct players to play within the written laws of the game and within the spirit of the game at all times and should not tolerate inappropriate behavior from players regardless of the situation.
- Coaches must never encourage players to violate KSC recruitment, eligibility, or guest player rules and policies.
- On game day, officials should be treated with respect before, during, and after the game. Professional respect should be mutual and should abstain from criticizing, demeaning dialogue or gesture between official, coach, and player. Coaches must not incite players or spectators or attempt to disrupt the flow of play.
- Comments regarding an official should be made in writing to the KSC at secretary@kielsoccer.com.
- A coach's behavior must be such as to bring credit to himself, his organization and the sport of soccer.
- Rival coaches should meet prior to the game and exchange friendly or professional greetings.
- Coaches shall exhibit a respectful attitude towards players. The coach must confine himself / herself to the coaching area. The attitude of the coach towards officials, spectators, opposing players and coaches should be controlled and undemonstrative.

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