



Wilson United Soccer League

Codes of Conduct

In order to ensure that the principles of sportsmanship, fair play, and mutual respect among players, coaches, officials, and spectators characterize all competition sponsored by the Wilson United Soccer League, the following Code of Conduct has been established. It is the obligation of all program administrators, coaches, parents, and players to create an environment that promotes this objective. Those who will fully violate this code jeopardize their participation in the Wilson United Soccer League.

Parents and Spectators

The parents' role is one of support to the players and coaches. Parents should not engage in "coaching" from the sidelines, criticizing players, coaches or game officials or trying to influence the makeup of the team at any time.

Every parent and spectator is expected to:

- Learn and respect the rules of soccer and the rules of the club.
- Show respect and courtesy to game officials, coaches, and players at all times.
- Respect the game officials and refrain from questioning their decisions or from addressing them in a loud, disrespectful, or abusive manner.
- Cheer for your child's team in a positive manner, refraining at all times from making negative or abusive remarks about the opposing team. Maintain control and avoid actions, language, or gestures that may be interpreted as hostile and humiliating.
- Demonstrate appropriate gestures of sportsmanship at the conclusion of a game, win or lose.
- Promote the concept that soccer is merely a game, and that players and coaches on other teams are opponents, not enemies.

Players

Every player is expected to:

- Know, respect and abide by the rules of soccer and Wilson United Soccer League.
- Show respect and courtesy to officials and coaches by following their directions.
- Respect the game officials and refrain from addressing them or commenting on their decisions during or after the game.
- Maintain control of his/her emotions, avoiding the use of abusive or profane language, taunting or humiliating remarks, and/or gestures and physical assault upon another player at any time.
- Respect the coaches and players of the opposing team and display sportsmanship at the conclusion of a game, win or lose.
- Follow all League rules, respecting at all times the property of others. Remember that soccer is a game, and treat players and coaches as opponents, not enemies.



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Coaches

The coach's role is:

- One of teaching soccer skills and sportsmanship to the players.
- Responsible for communicating practice and game times to the parents and for monitoring the behavior of the players/parents during practice/games.
- All coaches within Wilson United will promote good sportsmanship among players, and help participants have fun while teaching the technical skills of soccer. Unsportsmanlike conduct of coaches will not be tolerated. Belittling or making unkind comments to a player or referee that would reasonably be expected to cause embarrassment to the player or referee.

To meet these responsibilities, the Coach is expected to:

- Know and abide by the official Laws of the Game of soccer and the rules.
- Instruct player/parents and motivate each to compete by the rules at all times.
- Respect the game officials at all times. Refrain from questioning their decisions or challenging their authority.
- Ensure that fans exhibit sportsmanship and maturity at all times and assist league and game officials in maintaining control of spectators during games.
- Respect the coaches/players of the opposing team at all times.
- Take appropriate steps to minimize scoring in runaway games.
- Teach each player by example to be humble and generous in victory and proud and courteous in defeat.
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Anti-Bullying Statement

Wilson United Soccer is committed to providing a welcoming and safe environment for all of our children so they can play soccer in a stress-free and secure atmosphere. Bullying of any kind is unacceptable at Wilson United. If bullying does occur, all children should be able to openly communicate the situation and know that any and all incidents will be address promptly.

Examples of Bullying

Bullying is the use of aggression with the intention of intimidating, harassing or hurting another person. It consists of three basic types of abuse – emotional, verbal and physical. Bullying can be but is not limited to:

- Verbal bullying including derogatory comments, lies, false rumors, teasing, ridicule and name calling.
- Emotionally being unfriendly or hostile, sending hurtful text messages, tormenting.
- Having possessions taken and withheld.
- Bullying through social exclusion or isolation, intentionally being ignored and/or left out.
- Physical pushing, kicking, hitting, punching or any use of violence.
- Being attacked because of religion, race or color, gender or sexuality including but not limited to taunts, gestures, etc.
- Sexually unwanted physical contact or sexually abusive comments.
- Misuse of technology such as unwanted or derogatory social networking exposure.