



Player Development

Code of Conduct for Youth Players

We all have a responsibility to promote high standards of behaviour in the game.

As a player, you have a big part to play. That's why The USSF is asking every player to follow a Respect Code of Conduct.

When playing football, I will:

- Always play to the best of my ability
- Play fairly – I won't cheat, complain or waste time.
- Respect my team-mates, the other team, the referee or my coach/manager.
- Play by the rules, as directed by the referee
- Shake hands with the other team and referee at the end of the game
- Listen and respond to what my coach/team manager tells me
- Talk to someone I trust or the club welfare officer if I'm unhappy about anything at my club.

I understand that if I do not follow the Code, any/all of the following actions may be taken by my club, league or The USSF.

I may:

- Be required to apologise to my team-mates, the other team, referee or team manager
- Receive a formal warning from the coach or the club committee
- Be dropped or substituted
- Be suspended from training
- Be required to leave the club.

In addition:

- My club, league or The USSF may make my parent or carer aware of any infringements of the Code of Conduct
- The USSF could impose a fine and suspension against my club

Code of Conduct for Soccer

Community

Soccer, at all levels, is a vital part of a community. Football will take into account community feeling when making decisions.

Equality

We, as a club, are opposed to discrimination of any form and will promote measures to prevent it, in whatever form, from being expressed.

Participants

The club recognises the sense of ownership felt by those who participate at all levels of the game. This includes those who play, those who coach or help in any way, and those who officiate, as well as administrators and supporters. Football is committed to appropriate consultation.

Young People

We acknowledge the extent of its influence over young people and pledges to set a positive example.

Propriety

We as a club acknowledge that public confidence demands the highest standards of financial and administrative behaviour within the game, and will not tolerate corruption or improper practices.

Trust and Respect

As a club, we will uphold a relationship of trust and respect between all involved in the game, whether they are individuals, clubs or other organisations.

Violence

The club rejects the use of violence of any nature by anyone involved in the game.

Fairness

We are committed to fairness in its dealings with all involved in the game.

Integrity and Fair Play

The club remains committed to the principle of playing to win consistent with Fair Play.