

**Codes of Conduct**  
**Players, Parents and Coaches**  
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**The Sports Academy**

The code of conduct can be summarized in the following three principles:

1. Demonstrating a positive attitude
2. Setting a good example
3. Maintaining good relationships with all youth soccer participants-including officials, opponents, parents, and coaches.

TSA will not tolerate conduct that is detrimental to the sport or the participants. Such conduct includes: vulgarity by coaches, players or parents; harassment or belittling of officials, coaches or players; verbal abuse, threats or physical violence towards anyone before, during or after a match; and the taunting of opposing players, coaches and parents. We require thorough self-restraint by all participants- both players and adults. Teams must exercise appropriate control over those who fail to control themselves. Parents, coaches and other adults should remember that children learn by example.

TSA does not tolerate any type of fighting on our premise. Cops will be immediately called, charges will be pressed and multiple game/season suspensions will happen. We take the safety of our customers very seriously. If a player, coach or spectator is ejected from a game, they must leave the facility immediately. The game will not start until this person is outside of the facility and leaving in their car.

### **OFFICIALS**

The referee's job is a difficult one. All referees are human and they do make mistakes. Parents or players who believe their team has been treated unfairly should speak to their coach after the game. If the coach feels the same they should inform the manager on Duty at TSA. The manager will supply you with a complaint form that coaches may fill out. It will be reviewed by management and the head referee for determination. Verbal abuse towards a referee can result in a red card and ejection for the player, coach or parent. Referees have the authority to suspend play if a coach does not control his players and parents/supporters.

### **OPPONENTS**

Players and coaches are required to maintain a sense of fair play and be respectful of opposing players, coaches and fans at all time. Sportsmanship begins with respect. Without it, the positive competitive environment, which should be a perfect classroom for learning the values of soccer, is completely undermined.

## **CODE #1 - THE PLAYERS**

1. Be modest and generous when your team wins and gracious when your team loses.
2. Respect the game of soccer and its laws, learn these laws and try to follow them, and play the game fairly.
3. Show respect for the authority of the referee, even though you will sometimes disagree with his/her calls.
4. Show good sportsmanship before, during, and after games. Understand that soccer is a game, and that the players on the other team are your opponents, not the enemy.
5. Conduct yourself with honor and dignity and treat other players as you would like to be treated
6. Control your temper and not retaliate, even if you believe you have been wronged.

## **CODE #2 - THE PARENTS**

As a parent, you play a special role in the development of your son/daughter, and of his/her teammates. Your encouragement and good example will do more to ensure good sportsmanship and self-discipline than any other influence. The other team is the opponent, not the enemy and should be treated with respect. While winning is important, playing well and fairly is the essence of the game.

Remember:

1. Support your child
2. Always be positive
3. Demonstrate a positive attitude towards the opposing team and their families
4. Remember that your child wants to have fun
  - ❖ Parents do not criticize the referee openly or directly, during or after games. Any criticism shall be communicated to your coach or manager.
  - ❖ Parents shall show the quality of sportsmanship during and after each game and encourage your child to thank the referee after the match without regard to the result.
  - ❖ Parents understand that improper behavior at a game may result in a parent being asked to leave the area by the referee or TSA Manager.
  - ❖ Parents should do their best to have as much fun watching the game as the players have playing the game.

## **CODE #3 - THE COACHES**

Set a good example; keeping players safe; ensuring players have a positive experience; and relating to game officials in an exemplary manner and encouraging players to do the same. Coach's examples are powerful. If a coach insists on fair play, concentrates on players enjoyment of the game and supports the referee, players and parents will notice. If a coach encourages players to play outside the rules, and overly concerned about the results, and/or criticizes the referee or opposing coach, players and parents will also notice. Children deserve a coach they can respect.

1. Setting a good example
2. Keeping players safe
3. Creating a positive experience
4. Relating to officials

- ❖ Coaches in contact with players, parents, officials and other coaches should strive to set an example of the highest ethical and moral conduct. Before, during, and after each game they should be an example of dignity, patience and positive spirit.
- ❖ Before games we encourage coaches to meet and exchange greetings to set the proper tone for the game. After the game, the teams and coaches should meet and congratulate each other in a sportsmanlike manner.
- ❖ Coaches should avoid any conduct which could be construed as physically or verbally abusive.
- ❖ Coaches should completely refrain from verbal dissent during a game with an opposing coaches bench.
- ❖ Coaches should encourage all players and spectators to adhere to the highest level of sportsmanship at all times. During the game, the coach is responsible for the sportsmanship of the players, If a player is carded or is disrespectful, irresponsible or overly aggressive, the coach should remove the player from the game at least long enough for him/her to calm. down. Coaches are encouraged to explain acceptable behavior to players and parents at each game. Encourage parents to make positive comments about good play by either team.
- ❖ Coaches should demonstrate respect for the official and his/her role. Coaches can help referees improve by letting them concentrate on the game, accepting their inevitable, occasional mistakes.
- ❖ Before a game, coaches are encouraged to introduce themselves to the referee. During the game, coaches should never address the referee except to request a substitution. After the game, they should thank the referee and ask players to do the same. If you have a questions about a call politely ask the referee to explain.