



Woodbury Soccer Club
Recreational Code of Conduct

Purpose

This code of conduct has been developed to clarify expectations/goals, acceptable behavior, and policies for the recreational league players/parents.

Recreation League Goals

- To provide a fun, active, and rewarding experience for kids to be introduced to organized soccer, develop skills, and make friends in a safe, respectful environment.
- While competition is an element to all sports, it is not a focus at this level.

Players' Responsibilities

- **I will do the best I can each day.** I will also remember that all players have talents and weaknesses the same as I do.
- **I will demonstrate good sportsmanship.** I will not make fun of my teammates or opposing team, call them names, or use foul/inappropriate language.
- **I will control my temper, actions, and not play recklessly.** I will not intentionally hurt anybody, or be overly aggressive towards other players. I will also resist the temptation to retaliate when I feel I have been fouled.
- **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 have fun and be a good teammate!**

Parents' Responsibilities

- I will expect and support my child to meet all the player responsibilities above.
- I will offer encouragement and praise to all players, as well as help them handle disappointment with dignity and respect.
- I will not leave my child alone at practices/games. If I must leave for a period, I will notify and appoint another parent to be responsible for my child.
- I will communicate with the coach/coaches *away from the player(s)* regarding concerns about my child, other players, or team issues.

Coaches' Responsibilities

- I will strive to ensure, to the best of my ability, that each child has a positive and enjoyable experience.
- I will place the emotional and physical well-being of all players FIRST.
- I will take appropriate actions when necessary if players are not meeting the above expectations. Progressive action plan outline:
 1. Verbal warnings for player during practice/game.
 2. Speak with player one-on-one about their behavior and its impact.
 3. Removal of player from activities for a portion or remainder of practice/game.
 4. Involvement of league director and/or Director of Coaching if further action is necessary.
- I will communicate with the parents *away from the player(s)* regarding concerns about my child, other players, or team issues.

This is not meant to be an exhaustive list, but rather guidelines. Each player has unique personalities, different physical attributes, and varied levels of soccer skill, requiring flexibility and individual interpretation to help them each make the most of this experience. We must always place priority on safety, respect, and enjoyment – to develop them as both people and soccer players. Clear, consistent messages from both the coaches and parents will bring the most success.

Remember participating with WSC is a privilege, not a right!

