



## CODE OF CONDUCT

Youth Soccer Programs at The FIELD are based on the objective of providing the youth of Tompkins County and surrounding areas of New York with the opportunity to acquire and develop soccer skills through a high level of competition. These skills, as well as the individual growth of players, must be nurtured in an environment which is free of confrontation, poor sportsmanship, and verbal and physical abuse among spectators, game participants and game officials. This type of behavior is contrary to the spirit of the game and examples we are trying to set for the participating youth.

While the The FIELD does not dictate the internal administrative rules and regulations of member teams, it must provide the framework for governing undesirable behavior within which member teams must administer themselves.

Players are expected to perform in a manner consistent with the principles of good sportsmanship. Coaches and spectators should act in a manner that reinforces this concept. While physical contact is a normal and acceptable part of the game, physical and/or verbal abuse of opponents will not be allowed. Verbal or gesticulatory dissent with referee's decisions will not be tolerated.

If carded, a player is expected to observe the presentation of the card without comment, and the player should be determined not to repeat the behavior that elicited the card. Coaches, parents and spectators must also show respect in disagreeing with referee's decisions. While one cannot expect all referee calls to be accepted without reservation, loud or abusive dissent is unwarranted and reprehensible.

Under no circumstances should a player, parent or spectator come onto the field unless invited by the referee. The same level of constraint should be observed after the game is over. Parents and spectators should be made aware that the coach is responsible for their actions on the sideline, and (s)he can be cautioned, sent off the field, or suspended from future games for their misbehavior.

Member teams will ensure that the approach to playing the game, which is discussed above, is fully disseminated and understood throughout their teams. Member teams will also establish internal procedures, consistent with each team's regulatory process, which provide for suitable controls and punishment for proscribed behavior. Affiliated soccer clubs should have a policy in place for restricting the ability of abusive parents to attend soccer matches.

Each team must also ensure that, as warranted by specific events, swift and appropriate action is taken to ensure that members of its team do not repeat their mistakes. Repetition of occurrences of misconduct that show a disregard for these guidelines could lead to long term penalties.

The FIELD reserves the right to remove from the facility, any person or persons who disregard the word or the spirit of this Code of Conduct.

Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age group \_\_\_\_\_ Gender \_\_\_\_\_  
Coach Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Manager Signature \_\_\_\_\_

All players MUST sign this form:

Name (Print)	Signature
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