



DAKOTA SOCCER BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS

PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT

1. I agree to treat all players, coaches, referees, and spectators with dignity and respect in my speech, attitude, and behavior at all times, regardless of their age; race or ethnic origins; gender; sexual identity or orientation; religion or creed; ability or performance. I will also ask this of my child.
2. I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support — in word and deed — for all players, coaches, and referees, at every game and practice. I will also ask this of my child.
3. I will only give positive feedback to players, coaches, and referees. I will not make negative comments about the game, coaches, referees, or players in my child's or other players' presence. I understand that this can negatively influence my child's or other players' attitude and overall experience. Any concerns shall be put in writing and submitted to a Board Member or other club representative.
4. I agree not to coach my child or other players from the sidelines. All comments from the sidelines (to any player) should be in the form of positive feedback and encouragement.
5. Remembering that the game is primarily for the youth and not for the adults, I will place the emotional and physical well-being of my child ahead of any personal desire to win.
6. I agree that joining a team also means making a commitment to that team. I will do my best to make sure my child is present and on time for all practices and games.
7. I understand that improper behavior at a game on the part of any parent or other spectator may result in the individual being asked by the referee, coach, or club official to leave the vicinity of the field.
8. I understand that the Dakota Soccer Club demands a substance-free sports environment. I agree to refrain from all alcohol, tobacco, and drug use at all youth soccer events and facilities/venues.
9. I agree to take an active role in other Dakota Soccer Club-related activities such as fundraising, meetings, carnival, camps, etc.

PLAYER RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Have fun and enjoy the game of soccer. Practice skills at home to improve. Your effort will be the largest factor in determining how far you can go with your ability.
2. Give 100% effort every time you play regardless of your assignment.
3. Be a team player. Use your skill in a team effort and always support your teammates with encouragement.
4. Practice good sportsmanship and maintain a positive attitude at all times.
5. Learn and abide by the rules of soccer.
6. Treat other players, coaches, officials and fans with dignity and respect at all times, regardless of race, sex, creed or ability.
7. Treat all players, coaches, officials and fans with dignity and respect in speech, attitude, and behavior at all times.
8. Be aware of team schedule and attend all practices, games, or other team events. If you cannot attend, it is your responsibility to notify the coach.
9. Keep yourself fit and advise your coach immediately of any injury, however minor.
10. Keep your head up in defeat, and keep your pride under control in a victory.
11. Show appreciation of your coach, parents, and game officials for their efforts in making the program a success.
12. Take proper care of your uniform and equipment.
13. Abide by The Association philosophy as well as adhere to the procedures, policies and guidelines established by The Association.
14. NEVER USE TOBACCO, ALCOHOL OR DRUGS OF ANY KIND.
15. Be responsible for your own conduct and its consequences.
16. Be aware that your conduct or behavior on or off the field could affect your position on the team. Coaches may choose not to play certain players at various times as a disciplinary action. Any RED CARD that you receive will be reviewed by the Gender Coordinator and President of The Association, and is subject to possible further disciplinary action by the Association Board of Directors.

TREATMENT OF REFEREES

- Every game official, home and away, should be treated with respect. Respect doesn't mean always agreeing with a referee's decisions, but it does mean acting in a civil manner at all times, irrespective of your opinions. Keep in mind that many referees at home games are Heat players or adult members of our club.
- Concerns about the performance of a referee or questions about calls made during a game should be directed toward the Referee Coordinator (Jared Brown) in an email (heatrefcoord@gmail.com) or phone call after observing a 24-hour cool-down period. Please just provide the facts of what transpired. Please do not speak to the referees after a game unless it is to thank them for the job they did. (If you have praise for a referee's performance, please pass that along to Jared also.)
- Disrespectful behavior, including yelling at referees, players or coaches, may result in that player or spectator being asked to leave the premises.

GRIEVANCE OR DISPUTE RESOLUTION

During the course of a season, occasional disputes or differences of opinions will arise between participants. In order to resolve disputes in a respectful and reasonable manner, participants shall observe the following steps:

1. The participants involved in the disputed matter shall meet privately and attempt to resolve their differences informally.
2. If informal dispute resolution is unsuccessful, any participant may refer the matter to the appropriate Gender Coordinator, who shall again encourage participants to resolve the disputed matter through discussion or other informal means. If necessary, the Gender Coordinator will bring the matter to the attention of the Association's President and Vice President.
3. A participant may initiate the formal resolution process by delivering a written grievance to the Association President and Vice President to resolve the disputed matter promptly.
4. The Board or designated sub-committee shall have final authority to resolve the disputed matter. Its decision may not be appealed. The decision does not, however, establish a precedent for future situations. If the Board or designated sub-committee identifies any matter which may require clarification or amendment of The Association By-Laws, policies or procedures, it shall refer them to the full Board for consideration.

SANCTIONS OR SUSPENSION

In accordance with TCSL and US Youth Soccer rules, the following prohibited behaviors can be subject to sanction:

- a. During a soccer season, a player, coach, referee, club official or administrator, TCSL official or administrator, or spectator shall not engage in racial, religious, or sexual harassment or violence.
- b. Before, during, or after a TCSL- or Dakota Soccer Club-sponsored or sanctioned activity, including practices, a player, coach, referee, club official or administrator, or spectator, shall not:
 1. engage in violent behavior; 2. engage in taunting or showboating; 3. vandalize public or private property; 4. use inappropriate language.
- c. During a soccer season, regardless of quantity, a player shall not:
 1. use a beverage containing alcohol; or 2. use or consume, have in possession, buy, sell, or give away any other controlled substance.
- d. An individual attending a TCSL- or Dakota Soccer Club-sponsored or sanctioned game shall not:
 1. use or consume, buy, sell or give away: any beverage containing alcohol; tobacco in any form; or any other controlled substance while present at the playing venue. This rule does not apply to properly prescribed medication; 2. wager or gamble on its outcome.
- e. An individual shall not harass a TCSL or club official, referee, coach or player.

Sanctions may be issued by the Dakota Soccer Club or by TCSL. Sanctions may include but are not limited to: verbal or written warning; game(s) suspension; partial or full season suspension; suspension for a defined period of time; temporary or permanent banishment; and fines.

Players, coaches, and spectators are cautioned that sanctions imposed for violations of prohibited behaviors are in addition to any discipline which may be imposed by a match official during a TCSL-sanctioned game.

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