



SOCGER PARENT'S PLEDGE

PARENTS PLEDGE: As a parent, I acknowledge that I am a role model, and realize that parents are the most important role models for their children. I will remember that recreational sports are first and foremost about having fun, and that recreational sports are to help develop a sense of teamwork, self-worth and sportsmanship. I will exemplify the highest standards of sportsmanship, showing respect for all players, coaches, spectators, and support groups. I will participate in cheers that support, encourage, and uplift the teams involved. I understand the spirit of fair play and good sportsmanship expected by our league, and hereby accept my responsibility to be a model of good sportsmanship.

CODE OF CONDUCT: As a parent, I agree to abide by the following:

1. I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, officials and WYSL board members at all times.
2. I will place the emotional and physical well-being of my child and other participants ahead of my personal agenda or desire to win.
3. I will ensure my child treats other players, coaches, fans, and officials with respect regardless of race, sex, creed or ability. I also agree to treat other players, coaches, fans and officials with respect regardless of race, sect, creed or ability.
4. I will take full responsibility for any actions that violates this Code of Conduct by a guest or relative of attending parent/guardian.
5. I will direct any constructive criticism of my child's team program to the head coach and/or the WYSL Board at an appropriate time through an appropriate communication channel. I will work toward a positive result for all concerned.
6. I will accept decisions of the game officials (including coaches) on the field as being fair and called to the best ability of said officials. The officials are in charge of all games; their decisions are final.
7. I will own the responsibility of learning the rules of the game.
8. I will not use abusive or profane language or actions at any time at any WYSL game or event.
9. I will not protest a game official, coach, or board member's decision in an aggressive demonstrative manner, which might incite violent or aggressive fan involvement.
10. I will not smoke or use tobacco products on the practice field, game field or in the presence of a gather or the team at any WYSL game or event.



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INTERNET & SOCIAL MEDIA CONDUCT:

At no time will a WYSL player, parent, coach, or anyone be allowed to post negative or derogatory messages or comments pertaining to any soccer item (e.g. player, referee, coaches, etc.) to online chat rooms, blogs, bulletin boards, etc. This behavior is unacceptable by any player, parent, coach, or other affiliates/members of WYSL, and may reflect negatively against the reputation and integrity of you, your family, and WYSL. Message boards that should avoid any comments include, but are not limited to YouTube, Facebook, Twitter, etc. The WYSL will monitor these outlets for such behavior. WYSL players, parents, coaches, and other affiliates/members of WYSL may post appropriate videos, pictures of the team games or positive comments about your team or WYSL, if desired, but extreme care should be taken when choosing what and where to post. If at any time the WYSL finds players or parents, or any audience posting negative comments on any WYSL social media channels, WYSL reserves to the right to remove those parties from these outlets at any time without notification. Remember; if in doubt, do NOT post it!

GRIEVANCES & CONSEQUENCES OF BEHAVIOR:

Anyone who fails to conform their conduct to the preceding code of conduct while attending, coaching, officiating, or participating in a WYSL youth sports event will be subject to disciplinary action, including but not limited to the following in ANY order or combination:

- Verbal warning issued by the organization.
- Written warning issued by the organization.
- Suspension or immediate ejection from a youth sports event issued by the organization or someone who is authorized to issue such suspension or ejection by the organization. The assessed penalty will not require a hearing prior to being assessed. However, any penalty assessed to any individual may be appealed in writing to the WYSL Board of Directors, within 72 hours from the time the penalty was assessed. The appeal will be handled in accordance with the WYSL Bylaws.
- Removal from the WYSL team and organization.

In the event of a suspension or expulsion from a team or the organization, no refund of registration, sponsorship fees, and uniform/equipment fees will be made.

