

CODE OF CONDUCT

To Coaches, Players, Parents/Spectators, and Referees:

COACHES & ASSISTANT COACHES

Will:

- Provide a safe and positive environment for all players
- Be a positive role model for players, parents, and opponents
- Demonstrate and teach sportsmanship, rules of the game, and fair play in all practices and games
- Show respect for game officials and opponents before and after games
- Learn and understand the rules of the game
- Be humble, courteous and respectful in winning or losing
- Instill a passion for the game

Will not:

- Use foul or abusive language and never abuse a player mentally, verbally, or physically.
- Use or abuse alcohol or drugs during M.S.A. activities.
- Run up the score. Getting defeated by a large margin can really demoralize young soccer players, so please use your best judgment when teams are mismatched. (e.g. move stronger players to goalie, defense on side lines, team rule that no shots can be taken until there have been 5 consecutive passes)

PLAYERS

Will:

- Play soccer to have fun, to learn and develop a passion for the game as well as to improve their skills.
- Maintain a high level of sportsmanship and fair play.
- Respect for their coach, opponents and the authority of the referee and his/her assistance's.
- Play within the laws of the game and spirit of the game.
- Be on time and prepared for matches and practices.
- Display self-control in all situations and will not use foul or abusive language at any time before, during or after a match or during practices.
- Have a positive attitude and encourage other to do the same.

REFEREES & ASSISTANT REFEREES

Will:

- Be responsible for the safety of the players and coaches during a match.
- Know the laws of the game and enforce them fairly. They have the responsibility for upholding the laws and spirit of the game.
- Show respect for the players, other referees, coaches and the game itself.
- Maintain the utmost respect for the game.
- Conduct themselves honorably at all time and maintain the dignity of his/her position.
- Control players, coaches and Parents/Spectators effectively by being courteous and considerate without sacrificing fairness.
- Not make statements about any game except to clarify an interpretation of the Laws of the Game.
- Not to discriminate against nor take any undo advantage of any individual group on the basis of race, color, religion, sex or national origin.

PARENTS & SPECTATORS

Will:

- Not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player, parent, or spectator such as booing and taunting, refusing to shake hands, or using profane language or gestures.
- Teach my child to play within the spirit and intentions of the rules of the game
- Refrain from criticizing the game officials, and will respect their authority and decisions during games.
- Never place the value of winning over the safety and welfare of the players
- Shall show the quality of our sportsmanship during and after each and every game.
- Emphasize that the game is played for fun, and for the benefit of the youth, not adults.
- Leave the coaching to the coaches during games. We shall do our best not to give our child instructions during games.

We appreciate and thank you for all your support and participation.

Sincerely,

Mineola Soccer Association