



# South End Soccer

## Code of Conduct, Roles / Expectations & Zero Tolerance

*South End Soccer's mandate is to give children in the South End, Roxbury and Chinatown (and adjacent neighborhoods) an opportunity to experience a high-quality soccer program and engender a love of the game regardless of prior experience or economic means.*

**Good sportsmanship** means playing fairly and following the rules of the game. It means treating teammates, opponents, officials, and fans with respect. At South End Soccer, we expect our players, coaches, guardians and spectators to uphold the highest standard of sportsmanship - playing with pride and grace regardless of the score.

### **UNACCEPTABLE BEHAVIORS (include but are not limited to)**

- Verbal or physical abuse of an opponent, coach, official, player or spectator.
- Fighting or violence of any kind
- Taunting and trash talking
- Excessive celebration
- Use of swear words, profanity, racial slurs, or other disrespectful language
- Questioning, disagreeing or harassing officials
- Throwing objects onto the playing field or disrespecting field equipment
- Booing an official's decision
- Refusing to shake hands or give recognition for good performances
- Blaming loss of game on officials, coaches or participants

\*\*\*If any of these behaviors occur, the coach must bench player/s for a period of time appropriate to the infraction.\*\*\*

\*\*\*If any of these behaviors occur for a second time, the player will be benched for the remainder of the game/practice and the issue will be escalated to the Sportsmanship Committee for further assessment.\*\*\*

### **ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY**

South End Soccer adheres to the BAYS Zero Tolerance Policy regarding treatment of referees. All individuals responsible for a team and all spectators shall support the referee. Failure to do so will undermine the referee's authority and has the potential of creating a hostile environment for the players, the referee, and all the other participants and spectators.

BAYS has thus adopted the following rules:

1. No one, except the players, is to speak to the referee during or after the game. Exceptions: Coaches may ask questions before the game, call for substitutions and point out emergencies during the game, or respond to the referee if addressed.
2. Absolutely no disputing calls, during or after the game, no remarks to the referee to watch certain players or attend to rough play. NO YELLING at the referee, EVER, and no criticism, sarcasm, harassment, intimidation, or feedback of any kind during or after the game.
3. Violators may be ejected and are subject to disciplinary action by the BAYS Sportsmanship Review Committee.



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4. If Coaches would like to provide feedback to or about the referee, AFTER the game, log into the BAYS site and a dropdown under MyBAYS should have a Game Feedback tab with a form that goes directly to the home Ref Assignors and Club President.
5. If spectators have questions regarding particular calls, rules, or a referee, or wish to give feedback regarding a referee, please contact Jeremy Solomons, our Referee Assignor: sesoccerregistrar@gmail.com

### SPORTSMANSHIP COMMITTEE PROCEDURE

The Sportsmanship Committee will conduct a timely and thorough investigation into any misconduct reported. All persons involved will have the opportunity to be heard. Once properly investigated, the Sportsmanship Committee will determine the appropriate penalty for the violation. In all cases, apology notes will need to be written.

Penalties can include the following:

- a. Verbal warning
- a. Written warning
- b. Single, multi-game, or indefinite suspension
- c. Relegation to practice player
- d. Expulsion from South End Soccer

The Sportsmanship Committee will keep appropriate records of each reported violation and its repercussions.

### SOUTH END SOCCER - ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF CONDUCT

- I will conduct myself with dignity; I will control my temper, I will resist retaliation, and I will not taunt, name-call, or use insulting language.
- I will treat my teammates, coaches, opponents, officials, other administrators, and fans with respect at all times; regardless of race, sex, or abilities.
- I will do the best I can each day, remembering that all players have talents and weaknesses the same as I do.
- I will remember that playing with South End Soccer is a privilege as well as an opportunity to learn and have fun.

*I have read and understood the SES Code of Conduct and agree to abide by it and to practice good sportsmanship throughout my participation in the program. I understand that my failure to comply with the standards set forth above may lead to disciplinary action by decision of the Sportsmanship Committee.*

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Signature

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Date

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