



# Code of Conduct

All players, coaches/directors, parents, volunteers, spectators, club staff, and others associated with the Chargers Soccer Club must adhere to the highest standards of sportsmanship and ethics and commit to follow this code of conduct.

## Players

- **I will encourage good sportsmanship from fellow players, coaches, officials and parents at all times. I will not yell or be verbally abusive to game officials or coaches.**
- I will remember that soccer is an opportunity to learn and have fun.
- I deserve to play in an environment that is free of drugs, tobacco, and alcohol; and expect everyone to refrain from their use at all soccer games.
- I will do the best I can each day, remembering that all players have talents and weaknesses the same as I do.
- I will treat my coaches, other players and coaches, game officials, other administrators, and fans with respect at all times; regardless of race, sex, creed, or abilities, and I will expect to be treated accordingly.
- I will concentrate on playing soccer, always giving my best effort.
- I will play by the rules at all times.
- I will at all times control my temper, resisting the temptation to retaliate.
- I will always exercise self-control.
- Conduct during competition towards play of the game and all officials shall be in accordance with appropriate behavior and in accordance with FIFA's "Laws of the Game", and in adherence to FYSA's rules.
- While traveling, shall conduct themselves so as to bring credit to themselves and their team.
- Alcohol, illegal drugs and unauthorized prescription drugs shall not be possessed, consumed or distributed before, during or after any game or at any other time at the field and/or game complex.

## Coaches/Directors/Volunteers

- I will never place the value of winning before the safety and welfare of all players
- **I will always show respect for players, other coaches, game officials, and club staff members.**
- I will lead by example, demonstrating fair play and sportsmanship at all times.
- I will demonstrate knowledge of the rules of the game, and teach these rules to my players.

- **I will never use abusive or insulting language. I will treat everyone with respect and dignity, including other coaches, directors, club staff, parents, and anyone affiliated with the club.**
- **I will not tolerate inappropriate behavior, regardless of the situation.**
- I will not allow the use of anabolic agents or stimulants, drugs, tobacco, or alcohol by any of my players.
- I will never knowingly jeopardize the eligibility and participation of a student-athlete.
- Youth have a greater need for example than criticism. I will be the primary soccer role model.
- **I will at all times conduct myself in a positive manner.**
- **Coaching is motivating players to produce their best effort, inspiring players to learn, and encouraging players to be winners.**
- **Coach's actions on sidelines during games shall be in the spirit of "good sportsmanship" at all times. Profanity, profane gestures, arguing, inciting disruptive behavior by spectators and/or players, or any conduct not in the spirit of good sportsmanship, shall require disciplinary action from the affiliate.**
- Alcohol, illegal drugs and unauthorized prescription drugs shall not be possessed, consumed or distributed before, during or after any game or at any other time at the field and/or game complex.
- I will not abuse my power of authority by demoralizing or belittling others. I will conduct a c
- Conversation with respect by listening and then speaking in a respectful manner.

### Parents/Spectators

- **I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, game officials, and administrators, at all times.**
- I will place the emotional and physical well-being of all players ahead of any personal desire to win.
- **I will support the coaches, officials, and administrators working with my child, in order to encourage a positive and enjoyable experience for all.**
- I will remember that the game is for the players, not for the adults.
- I will ask my child to treat other players, coaches, game officials, administrators, and fans with respect.
- I will always be positive.
- I will always allow the coach to be the only coach.
- **I will not get into arguments with the opposing team's parents, players, or coaches.**
- I will not come onto the field for any reason during the game.
- **I will not criticize or yell at the game officials.**
- Alcohol, illegal drugs and unauthorized prescription drugs shall not be possessed, consumed or distributed before, during or after any game or at any other time at the field and/or game complex.

All Players, Parents/Guardians, And Coaches are required to abide by the Chargers' Code of Conduct. The Club will enforce a "Zero Tolerance Policy". Violations of the Code of Conduct will be reviewed by the Board of Directors.

Any player, coach, parent/guardian, or spectator violating this policy will be subject to disciplinary action as determined by the Chargers SC Board of Directors.

Disciplinary action may include:

- Probation
- Suspension
- Expulsion from the program.

The Board's decisions are final. If a coach or parent refuses to comply with the penalty, the player will serve the penalty.

Failure to comply may Also Be Subject To Sanctions From The Florida Youth Soccer Association (FYSA), The United States Soccer Federation (USSF), And The Federation International De Football Association (FIFA). Failure to comply may result in the suspension of your privilege to participate in FYSA sanctioned events, for the following periods:

1st offense -- suspension for a minimum of thirty (30) days to a maximum of five (5) years.

2nd offense -- suspension for a minimum of one (1) year to a maximum of ten (10) years.

3rd offense -- suspension for a minimum of five (5) years to a maximum of fifty (50) years.

**NOTE:** Any individual charged with a violation of this Code of Ethics shall be afforded due process as defined in FYSA's Rule Section 600 before the implementation of any suspension.