

CODE OF CONDUCT AGREEMENT FOR PLAYERS, COACHES, PARENTS AND SPECTATORS NORWALK JUNIOR SOCCER ASSOCIATION

The Norwalk Junior Soccer Association (NJSA) will not tolerate unruly behavior by its players, coaches, managers and spectators at games. Referees have complete power to officiate and oversee games under the conditions set forth by the SWD-CJSA and the USSF. Participants and spectators are not permitted to use foul language, dispute calls or in any way confront referees, lines officials, coaches, managers or players of either team. Spectator involvement in a match is limited to cheering the teams positively, and not demeaning anyone in the process. **The following rules must be followed:**

1. **Coaching from the sidelines** is the job of each team's coaching staff. Parents and spectators must refrain from instructing players on the field while the match is underway.
2. **Entering the field of play:** No one is permitted to enter the field of play unless waved on to the field by the referee. This includes coaches, managers, parents, spectators and substitute players.
3. **Use of foul language and unruly behavior:** If for any reason unruly behavior or foul language is observed on or off the field, the referee has the right to stop the game. Coaches and managers are responsible for keeping their fans (parents, friends, etc) under control. It is always the home team's responsibility to call authorities if needed. Any parent who signs the code of conduct is responsible for the behavior of any guest at the game there to watch their player.
4. **Approaching anyone aggressively** associated with the match (player, coach, manager, referee and or spectator from either team) is grounds for removal from the playing field.
5. **Distance from the playing sideline:** Spectators and reserve players must stay at least 8 feet from the sidelines while the match is underway. Substitutes as well as coaches and managers listed on the roster are allowed in this space.
6. **Location of Spectators:** Spectators are not allowed behind either goal or on the bench side of the field. Only coaches and managers (maximum of 4) and players are allowed at the bench. Spectators are restricted to the opposite side of the field from the bench.

If a referee witness violations of these rules, he has the right to stop the game until the condition is corrected. It is the responsibility of the coach and manager, not the referee, to immediately correct the condition. The referee has the responsibility to file a report with the Southwest District. Coaches are expected to support the referee and are subject to disciplinary action by NJSA and the SWD if they do not.

If anyone has a dispute with a referee, line official, coach, manager, player, parent or spectator, he may submit a written complaint to his own club. If it merits further attention, NJSA will submit the complaint to the appropriate League Director.

Disciplinary action will be taken by NJSA Disciplinary Committee for any coach, player, manager, parent or spectator that violates the Code of Conduct. Action can range from suspension to expulsion of the parties responsible. If an individual does not abide by the punishment set forth by the Disciplinary Committee, the child of this parent is subject to revocation of his or her player pass. A player without a valid player pass is not allowed to participate in any CJSA sanctioned games or scrimmages.

It is the intent of NJSA to promote a positive and enthusiastic environment for all referees, players, coaches, managers and spectators.

I have read this Code of Conduct and agree to abide by it.

Mother or Guardian Signature Date

Print Name

Father or Guardian Signature Date

Print Name

Player Signature Date

Print Name

Coach Signature Date

Print Name