

## **CODE OF CONDUCT**

The Forest Park Youth Soccer Association is committed to provide a safe environment for the players, coaches, staff, and the members. There are three specific Codes of Conduct involving players, coaches, and parents. The Code of Conduct involving parents include step-parents, grandparents, guardians of players, as well as other family members and relatives. Coaches, players, and parents are considered ambassadors of Forest Park Youth Soccer Association no matter if you're playing at home or at another location. The FPYSA Code of Conduct is not only restricted to games and practices, but includes team meetings and team functions. While the game of soccer is often emotional, inappropriate behavior is not acceptable. Physical, emotional, verbal, and sexual abuse of any kind will not be tolerated within FPYSA.

### **Forest Park Youth Soccer Association endorses *FIFA's Code of Conduct* rules for fair play:**

- Play the game for the game's sake.
- Be generous when you win.
- Be graceful when you lose.
- Be fair always no matter what the cost.
- Obey the laws of the game.
- Work for the good of your team.
- Accept the decisions of the officials with good grace.
- Believe in the honesty of your opponents.
- Conduct yourself with honor and dignity.

### **FPYSA Players Code of Conduct:**

- Understand the rules of the game and play by them.
- Be punctual and prepared for all practices and games.
- Cooperate and be respectful to all coaches, teammates, opponents, and match officials.
- Bully behavior is never acceptable.
- Support your teammates, FPYSA board members, teams, and coaches.
- Be gracious in victory and dignified in defeat.
- Do not talk to fans during matches.
- Do not argue with officials.
- Talk to opposing players should be limited to words of encouragement, congratulations, and offers of assistance.
- Do not use abusive or profane language.
- Fighting or physical violence will result in a mandatory suspension; fighting after a suspension may result in dismissal from FPYSA.
- The FPYSA board will review the status of any player who is ejected from two games in a 12-month period or accumulates excessive cautions.

- Follow the rules of conduct at designated FPYSA soccer field, facility or event.
- Demonstrate good sportsmanship on and off the field.

**FPYSA Coaches Code of Conduct:**

- Understand the rules of the game and ensure that players understand and follow them.
- Be punctual and prepared for all training sessions and games.
- Show respect for your players and opponents.
- Do not use abusive or profane language.
- Bully behavior is never acceptable.
- Be gracious in victory and dignified in defeat.
- The President of FPYSA will review the status of any coach who is ejected from a game. The FPYSA board will review a second ejection.
- Coaching from the sidelines during games should be limited and positive.
- Do not argue with officials.
- Do not criticize a player in front of other players.
- Wear appropriate attire to all practices and games.
- Tobacco, alcohol, and non-prescription drugs are prohibited during all practices and games.

**FPYSA Parents Code of Conduct:**

(includes player parent, stepparents, grandparents, or legal guardian)

- Provide only positive support during games.
- Refrain from attempting to coach your child from the sidelines.
- Do not criticize your child's teammates or coaches in the presence of your child or his/her teammates or other parents. Don't embarrass your child.
- Limit talking to players or coaches for either team during matches, except to offer support, congratulations or assistance.
- No abusive or profane language.
- Bully behavior is never acceptable.
- Do not argue or verbally abuse the officials.
- Be gracious in victory and dignified in defeat.
- Do not argue with opposing fans. If parents of an opposing team are demonstrating poor sportsmanship, move away from them.
- Do not criticize opponents in the presence of them or their fans.
- Fighting, physical violence or threats of violence will result in automatic suspension from premises and activities. Repeat violations will may result in expulsion of player and parent from FPYSA.

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**CODE OF CONDUCT POLICY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

As the parent or legal guardian of \_\_\_\_\_, I acknowledge that I have received a copy of the Code of Conduct. I also acknowledge that I have read and agree to abide by this Policy.

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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Date