

Kirtland Youth Soccer League League Code of Conduct



We have been told by many refs/coaches that our coaches, parents and athletes are one of the best in the league when it comes to sportsmanship and conduct. We would like to keep these positive comments coming this season!

Policy:

The Kirtland Recreation Soccer League has a policy of “Zero Tolerance” toward inappropriate behavior by adults and players attending KYSL functions. These functions include, but are not limited to; games, practices, and tryouts. Adults and players displaying such behavior, are to be sanctioned according to the guidelines below.

The time frame covered under this policy extends from the moment the participants arrive at a Kirtland youth event, to the time in which they depart from that event.

Reports of inappropriate behavior during an event, as provided by referees, coaches, parents, or other adults attending a Kirtland youth event, forwarded to KYSL, are to be brought to the immediate attention of the president and responsible league vice president for investigation.

Upon notification, the responsible officers will investigate the incident in as short a period of time as possible. After collecting and reviewing the facts, the offending adult/player is to be contacted with the immediate action to be taken.

Inappropriate behavior shall take one of two forms - verbal and non-verbal.

Inappropriate behavior of the verbal form includes, but is not limited to:

- Profanity
- Threats
- Taunting
- Dissent towards a referee (Repeated actions toward the referee including but not limited to: questioning of referee’s calls, yelling at the ref, and any other form of behavior detrimental to the referee’s ability and authority to manage the game)

Inappropriate behavior of the non-verbal form includes, but is not limited to deliberately taking any of the following actions toward players, coaches, referees, and spectators:

- Striking
- Pushing
- Kicking
- Tripping
- Spitting at
- Holding

Disciplinary Action:

Verbal – Adults/players found in violation of the above policy, are to be disciplined for inappropriate verbal behavior, by being disallowed from attending youth events for a minimum of 2 weeks. Upon review by the officers and trustees of the league, an additional period of non-participation may be warranted, including permanent revocation of rights to attend Kirtland Youth Soccer events, based on the severity of the behavior.

Non-verbal - Adults/players found in violation of the above policy, are to be disciplined for inappropriate non-verbal behavior, by being disallowed from attending events for a minimum of 4 weeks. Upon review by the officers and trustees of the league, an additional period of non-participation may be warranted, including permanent revocation of rights to attend Kirtland Youth Soccer events, based on the severity of the behavior.

Disciplinary Warnings:

In the event that sufficient evidence does not exist to issue a sanction as described above, but where there is reason to believe the adult/player in question has indeed acted in an inappropriate manner, a verbal or written statement, reminding the adult/player of league policy, and the sanctions that may be imposed if a violation does occur, may be issued.

Tracking:

In all cases of adults/players in violation of, or having been issued a warning under this policy, a report is to be created and used to track the identity of the individual, and all of the pertinent information related to the incident. Repeat offenders, depending on the severity of their offenses, may be permanently disallowed from participating in future events.