



North Shore United

Parent, Player, and Coach Codes of Conduct

Parent Code of Conduct

In order for your child to get the most out of the North Shore United Soccer Club, it is important for you to show support and offer encouragement while maintaining a genuine interest in the team. With a supportive attitude and a fundamental understanding of the game, everyone will come away from their soccer experience with a positive feeling.

Support Your Child

Children derive many benefits from playing youth soccer such as good sportsmanship and self-discipline. They learn how to work together, to sacrifice for the good of the team, to enjoy winning humbly and handle defeat gracefully. In the process, they also learn important lessons about physical fitness and personal goals. Remember that your children are PLAYING the game of soccer. While they should be challenged to perform their personal best at the highest possible level, be careful not to impose your own standards or objectives. As a parent, you should see that your child is on time and prepared for practices and games. It disrupts the coach and other teammates for a player to be late or missing their uniform or equipment. If extenuating circumstances exist or a player has a physical limitation or injury, you should immediately inform the coach about the problem.

Games and Practices

Parents can take the fun out of soccer by continually yelling or screaming from the sidelines. Parents should enjoy the game and applaud good plays. A team's performance improves by practicing together. Players, even good ones, cannot improve without practice. Practice stresses the importance of teamwork, establishing goals, discipline and learning emotional control, all of which are important lessons children can use both on and off the field. A player not attending practice regularly may see reduced playing time in games, since it is not fair to the other players who have put forth the time and effort to practice with the team.

Good Sportsmanship

Parents serve as role models for their children, who often look to adults for advice, direction and approval. One of the most important things you can do is show good sportsmanship at all times to coaches, referees, opponents and teammates. Cheer them on as a team and individually as well. Negative remarks from you reflect poorly, not only on the team and the club, but on your child personally.

Let the Coach Coach

Your child's coach will be responsible for instructing your child during games and at

practices. Coaches receive training and dedicate countless hours on and off the field to make your child's soccer experience rewarding. Some parents not only spoil the fun for their kids on the field, but also in the car or at home, believing this is the perfect place for instruction. Parents should not contradict the coach's instructions. It is unfair to put children in a position of having to decide who to listen to -- their parents or their coach. **If a parent has a question or feels it is necessary to discuss an issue with the coach, it should be done privately and at a mutually convenient time OUTSIDE of practice and game times.**

Please remember that the North Shore United Soccer Club is a program for our children to learn the game of soccer from their coaches and trainers. Parents are expected to conduct themselves as positive role models for good sportsmanship, discipline and fair play. Interference or inappropriate conduct by any players, coaches, parents or spectators reflects poorly upon this organization and thus will not be tolerated.

Player Code of Conduct

As a member and representative of the North Shore United Soccer Club, each player recognizes that it is a privilege to play on a competitive team and agrees to abide by the following player's code of conduct.

Each Player will:

- Respect the game of soccer and its laws, learn these laws, follow them, and play the game fairly.
- Work for the good of the team and give their best effort at all times.
- Never argue with or verbally abuse a referee.
- Show good sportsmanship before, during, and after games. Each player understands that soccer is a game, and that the players on the other team are their opponents, not their enemies.
- Arrive at practice and games within the time frame set by the coach.
- Cooperate with their coach, manager, teammates, and opponents.
- Be modest when they win, and gracious when they lose. Accept defeat with dignity, and remember, "Good losers earn more respect than bad winners".
- Help their parents and fans understand the laws of the game so they can watch and enjoy the game better.
- Control their temper and never retaliate, even if they disagree with a decision. Displays of temper will not be tolerated during games or training sessions.
- Practice on their own, come prepared to learn, and give their coaches their complete attention.
- Represent NSSC with the highest degree of integrity, commitment and professionalism both on and off the soccer field.
- Honor your commitment to NSU. Be on time and in proper uniform for all practices and games.
- Live the game! Be a student of the game, because the game is the best teacher!

The team coach and the Director of Coaching will deal with violations of the North Shore Soccer United Club Player's Code of Conduct. Repeated violations may result in decreased playing time, and in extreme cases, removal from the team.

Coach Code of Conduct

All coaches of the NSU staff acknowledge that they must adhere to the following code of conduct. All coaches are responsible for the following:

- Determining tactics and formations for their team
- Determining player positions and granted playing time
- Setting practice times
- Establishing and implementing training techniques and in accordance with the format developed by the DOC
- Recruiting players within the WYSA guidelines
- Selecting tournaments in which the team will play with the recommendation of the DOC
- Secure substitute coach, with the guidance of the DOC, if for any reason the coach is unable to attend a game/practice
- Ensure that players wear their proper uniform for practice and games
- Be available to parents to discuss players
- Keep good communication with the team manager and parents

In addition, each coach will:

- Lead by example
- Be ultimately responsible for the team regarding the enforcement of all club and team policies, procedures, rules, regulations, including the philosophy of the Club
- Attend all scheduled club coaches meeting, including special meetings called by the Director of Coaching
- At no time, handle any team or club funds
- Be an example of dignity, patience and positive spirit before, during and after games
- Make sure that their team keeps the Airport fields clear of water bottles, athletic tape, and other garbage
- Be responsible for the conduct of the parents of your players. It is imperative to explain acceptable player and parent behavior in a preseason meeting.
- Provide evaluations (provided by the DOC) to every player after the Fall and Spring seasons
- Wear official club sponsored gear for all games
- Look and act in a professional manner at all practices, games, and tournaments