



Soccer code of Conduct

Purpose:

This code of conduct has been developed to clarify expectations, goals, acceptable behavior, and policies for OAA Soccer.

League Goals:

- To provide a fun, active, and rewarding experience for kids to be introduced to organized soccer, develop skills, and make friends in a safe, respectful environment.
- While competition is an element to all sports, it is not a focus at this level.

Players' Responsibilities:

- I will have fun, have a positive attitude and be a good teammate!
- I will demonstrate good sportsmanship. I will not make fun of my teammates or opposing team, call them names, or use foul/inappropriate language.
- I will attend every practice and game that I can, and I will notify my coach if I cannot make a practice or game.
- I will come to practices and games on time and ready to learn. I accept responsibility for bringing any equipment necessary for practice (ball, cleats, shin guards, water,) and games (cleats, shin guards, water and team uniform).

- I will control my temper, actions, and not play recklessly. I will not intentionally hurt anybody, or be overly aggressive towards other players. I will also resist the temptation to retaliate when I feel I have been fouled.
- I will treat my coaches, other players and coaches, game officials, other administrators, and fans with respect regardless of race, gender, religion, or ability and I will expect to be treated accordingly.

Parents' Responsibilities:

- I will expect and support my child to meet all the player responsibilities above.
- I will offer encouragement and praise to all players, as well as help them handle disappointment with dignity and respect.
- I will not leave my child alone at practices/games. If I must leave for a period, I will notify and appoint another parent to be responsible for my child.
- I will treat coaches, players, game officials, other administrators, and fans with respect regardless of race, gender, religion, or ability and I will expect to be treated accordingly.
- I will not question calls or criticize game officials. Concerns can be communicated privately to coaches or league directors after the conclusion of the game.
- I will communicate with the coach/coaches away from the player(s) regarding concerns about my child, other players, or team issues.

Coaches' Responsibilities:

- I will strive to ensure, to the best of my ability, that each child has a positive and enjoyable experience.
- I will place the emotional and physical well-being of all players FIRST.
- I will do my best to organize practices that are fun and challenging to my players.
- I will take appropriate steps to minimize scoring in runaway games.
- I will treat parents, players, fans, other coaches and officials with respect regardless of race, gender, religion or ability, and I will expect to be treated accordingly.

This is not meant to be an exhaustive list, but rather guidelines. For more details, please see the Oakdale Athletic Association Soccer Rules and Guidelines U10, U12 and U15 on your individual levels' home page. Each player has unique personalities, different physical attributes, and varied levels of soccer skill, requiring flexibility and individual interpretation to help them each make the most of this experience. We must always place priority on safety, respect, and enjoyment to develop them as both people and soccer players. Clear, consistent messages from both the coaches and parents will bring the most success.