# Twinsburg AC Soccer

# CODE OF CONDUCT

The purpose and intent of Twinsburg AC Soccer is to encourage the development of player skills and abilities and to promote programs that teach individual and team skills. The goal and value of player participation is to have fun while playing soccer, to develop self-esteem and confidence through skill development while promoting a sense of fair play and good sportsmanship.

## PLAYERS:

All players participating in Twinsburg AC Soccer shall…

* Demonstrate good sportsmanship and lead by example; encourage fellow players.
* Play by the rules of the game.
* View playing soccer as an opportunity to learn and have fun.
* Refrain from physical or verbal altercations with other players, coaches, referees and spectators.
* Be respectful toward other players, coaches, referees and spectators.
* Never argue or complain about referees’ calls or decisions.
* Make every effort to attend ALL practices and games and arrive on time.
* Maintain an even temperament and resist retaliation.
* Give 100% effort at practice, and during games.
* Focus on doing their best in school.
* Not partake in illegal drug, alcohol or tobacco use.

## PARENTS/GUARDIANS:

ALL parents shall…

* Encourage good sportsmanship and self-discipline in their children and their
teammates through example.
* Make athletic participation for their child and others a positive, fun experience.
* Give encouragement and show interest in their child’s teams.
* Encourage their child to show good sportsmanship in every game.
* Attempt to minimize the pressure of competition and place the emotional and physical well being of players ahead of a desire to win.
* Be respectful toward coaches, referees, your child, other parents and their children.
* Alert coaches of any players’ health conditions.
* Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from youth sports activities.
* Refrain from coaching and refereeing “from the sidelines”.
* Make every effort to drop off and pick up players at designated practices and games in a timely manner.

## COACHES:

ALL coaches shall…

* Provide a positive role model for their players and parents, by consistently acting in a positive, controlled and mature manner expected of a Twinsburg coach.
* Demonstrate good sportsmanship and maintain a proper perspective on the purpose of Twinsburg AC Soccer, namely, participation is for the enjoyment and benefit of the players
* Learn the rules of soccer, and earn at least a basic certification.
* Above all else, maintain the safety and well being of their players.
* Explain to (and remind) parents what is expected of them and their children.
* Provide a positive, enjoyable atmosphere for the players and parents.
* Refrain from open arguments with referees and other coaches.
* Encourage parents to support the team with their presence as much as possible.
* Provide necessary guidance and equipment at games and practices.
* Alert Twinsburg AC Soccer board members if discipline of players is necessary.
* Refrain from making negative comments about other coaches, players, parents and referees.
* Be prepared to deal with injuries in a timely manner by reviewing first aid principles.
* Maintain a consistent practice schedule that is both fun and challenging for the players.

All participants, parents and coaches of Twinsburg AC Soccer shall abide by the Code of Conduct at all times. Inappropriate behavior that is determined to violate this Code of Conduct shall result in disciplinary action by the Twinsburg AC Board of Directors, up to and including, without limitation, expulsion from the game/field, and expulsion from the Twinsburg AC Soccer Club.