



NAPERVILLE SAINTS

Naperville Saints Code of Conduct

The Naperville Saints, in a continuing effort to support the enjoyment of football for all parties involved, has instituted a zero tolerance policy along with our code of conduct for all parties involved with Naperville Saints. Above all else remember that this is a youth league where the emphasis is placed on learning and development. By participating in the Naperville Saints youth football program in any capacity you agree to the codes of conduct set forth in this document and will conduct yourself in a sportsmanlike manner.

Zero Tolerance Policy

In the interest of promoting a fair, competitive and family-friendly environment, the Naperville Saints have a Zero Tolerance Policy for unruly behavior at practices, games or other related functions with Naperville Saints members.

All Naperville Saints coaches, assistant coaches, team parents, players, and spectators are subject to the Naperville Saints Zero Tolerance Policy. Violations to this Policy will be taken seriously by the Naperville Saints organization and may result in warnings, suspensions or removal from Naperville Saints. Additionally, violations may result in escalation to the Bill George Youth Football League where additional sanctions may be imposed. The Naperville Saints Board reserves the right to administer penalties at its discretion.

Gameday Behavior

Home games are held at fields and facilities rented by the Naperville Saints. Coaches, players, and spectators are expected to respect the facilities, pick-up their garbage, chaperone their children, respect property, and uphold a code of conduct. Naperville Saints board members will monitor fields during games and will take appropriate actions for any violations including but not limited to verbal warnings, ejections, or other sanctions as the Board sees fit. Further, spectators must abide by the respective field location rules and regulations.

Referees

All Naperville Saints members, coaches, assistant coaches, team parents, players, and spectators are expected to uphold this policy and respect the referee(s) regardless of their age or experience. Please be respectful and support the referees and report ANY policy violations to a Naperville Saints coach or board member.

All Coaches and spectators shall support the referee. Failure to do so undermines the referee's authority and has the potential to create a hostile environment for players, referees and all other participants and spectators. Respects the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion

For Players

- Know and play by the rules and be a good sport
- NEVER argue with or yell at an official.
- Control your temper. Verbal or physical abuse of officials or other players will not be tolerated.
- Do not bully or take unfair advantage of another competitor.

Parents

Focus on the child's efforts and performance rather than winning or losing. NEVER argue with or yell at an official. If you disagree or have concerns, have your coach respectfully approach the referee after the game. Verbal abuse of any official will result in your immediate dismissal from the field.

Show appreciation for volunteer coaches, officials and administrators. Without them, your child could not participate. Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities. Stay behind the restricted areas during the game to avoid player distractions and maintain a safe distance.

Coaches

Display control, respect and professionalism to all involved with the sport. This includes opponents, coaches, officials, administrators, parents and spectators. Encourage players to do the same. Do not overplay the talented players; all players need and deserve equal play time. Keep track of play time in order to ensure it is equal throughout the season. Do not place emphasis on winning above good sportsmanship. Do not ridicule or yell at a player for making a mistake or not coming in first. NEVER argue with or yell at an official. If you disagree, respectfully approach the Game Marshal after the competition. Verbal abuse of any official will result in your immediate dismissal from the field. Operate within the rules and spirit of the game and teach your players to do the same. Ensure that the time players spend with you is a positive experience. Show concern and caution toward sick and injured players. Follow the advice of the physician when determining whether an injured player is ready to recommence training or competition.