

NW Kickers Soccer Club - Code of Conduct:

Responsibilities & Expectations

Rights of the Player

- To enjoy the world's most popular game, without any undue pressure from the coach or parents.

Parent

- To ensure players arrive on time for practices and games.
- To inform the coach if their child cannot attend a practice or a game.
- To be enthusiastic, yet not critical.
- To encourage your child and team but not insult or discourage the opposition.
- To acknowledge both teams' good plays.
- To support, and not criticize, the referee.
- To support, and not criticize, the coach.
- To refrain from coaching their child or team, that is the coach's job. Encourage, yes, but offer no instruction.
- To help the coach where appropriate, with the coach's agreement.
- To be positive and not let winning and losing change your attitude.
- To use the mechanisms within the club if you think the coach is unsuitable.
- Respect the judgments of game officials
- Avoid improper gestures and language. This includes racial and sexual harassment.
- Teach and encourage good sportsmanship

Player

- To bring a ball to practice, if required.
- To ensure the appropriate equipment is brought to all practices and games.
- To perform up to potential — but by the player's own expectations/standards, not those of the adults.
- To get to practice and games on time.
- Treat opponents with respect at all times
- Avoid improper gestures and language. This includes racial and sexual harassment.
- Respect the judgments of the game officials
- Exercise self-control at all times. This sets the example for others to follow.

Coach

- To dress appropriately and smartly.
- To encourage and be positive in correcting faults, and to do so at the correct times, not while the player is on the field, and thus distracting them while they are playing.
- To discuss player progress with parents and players.
- To use a guiding style of coaching, using a question and answer method to ensure the players are part of the process, and it is not just about the coach.
- To listen to the players and consider their views.
- To be prepared to restrain, politely but firmly, overly enthusiastic parents.
- To be courteous to referees and assistants.
- To know emergency procedures — ambulance telephone numbers and first aid.
- Accept the decisions of officials without showing inappropriate emotions
- Avoid public displays of criticism in front of players and spectators
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If parents or coaches do not abide by these rules then the NW Kickers Soccer Club will address any problems and act accordingly and appropriately.

The game is about the player, not the coaches or parents; please remember this always.

Let us not forget the referees. Please let them do their job. Their calls are final. Parents need to remember that kids who are taking on the responsibility of refereeing are doing the best job possible. Please be respectful and supportive.

I have read the above Code of Conduct. I understand the Code of Conduct and agree to follow the letter and spirit of the Code. Also, I understand and will comply with the “zero tolerance policy” regarding racial and sexual harassment.

Player Name (Printed)

Signature

Date

Parent or Guardian Name (Printed)

Signature

Date