



Adult Code of Conduct

Adults in youth sports, whether participating as volunteer coaches, spectators, team managers, or other volunteers for a youth athletics club have a responsibility to promote high standards of behavior and set the right example for the kids participating in the sport. Congdon Park Soccer Club wants to ensure that soccer can be enjoyed in a safe and positive environment for our young players.

Remember, youth sports is an opportunity for kids to improve their abilities in a given sport, as well as a tremendous opportunity to develop social skills and emotional coping mechanisms. We adults have a responsibility to teach lessons through sport that can be applied to all aspects of life. Winning isn't everything.

Please play your part by observing CPSC's Code of Conduct for adults at all times...

I will:

- Remember that children play FOR FUN
- Applaud effort and good play as well as success
- Always RESPECT the decisions of referees, even if I do not agree with them
- Remain outside the field of play and within designated areas for spectators where provided
- Allow the coach to do his/her job and not confuse the players by telling them what to do
- Encourage the players to respect the opposition and the referees
- Avoid criticizing PLAYERS for making a mistake... mistakes are PART OF LEARNING
- Avoid criticizing REFEREES for making a mistake... most of our referees are under 18 years of age, and mistakes are PART OF LEARNING
- Never engage in or tolerate offensive, insulting, or abusive language or behavior
- Never engage in bullying behavior towards other spectators, players, coaches, or referees

I understand that if I do not follow this Code, any and all of the following actions may be taken by Congdon Park Soccer Club, the Arrowhead Youth Soccer Association, or Minnesota Youth Soccer Association.

I may be:

- Issued a verbal warning from a club or AYSA official
- Required to meet with an official from CPSC or AYSA
- Obligated by the club to leave match venues
- Required by the club to not attend future matches
- Required to leave the club along with any dependents

In addition:

- AYSA could impose sanctions against CPSC for my behavior.