



Portage County Youth Soccer Player & Parent Codes of Conduct

Player Code of Ethics

The game of soccer is an international team sport with a rich heritage of traditions and rules. The Portage County Youth Soccer program aspires to reflect all that is good about the game. To this end, we expect all players to exercise personal responsibility & self-discipline both on and off the field.

This code applies to all players participating in the Portage County Youth Soccer Club. Each player represents his/her family, the Club, and our community. Appropriate behavior is expected at all times. Inappropriate behavior will not be tolerated. Those behaviors contrary to healthy involvement, good citizenship, and accepted moral and ethical standards are violations which will subject the player to sanctions up to and including loss of participation.

Violations include, but are not limited to the following:

- Possession or use of alcohol, controlled substances, or tobacco products.
- Negative acts against person or property, including use of profanity and other abusive language, vandalism, arguing, fighting, theft, abuse of equipment, or violations of the law.

Sanctions

Sanctions are the penalties for violations of this code. Sanctions may extend into the next season.

Alleged violations must be accompanied by credible evidence to be formally considered for sanctions. Verified violations will be assessed sanctions subject to the severity of the offense.

The PCYS, Ltd. Board of Directors, Competitive Committee, and Coaches reserve the right to suspend a player for one game for any verified violation or behavior deemed inappropriate. However, if the offense is severe in nature, the sanction may result in permanent expulsion from the PCYS. The PCYS, Ltd. Board of Directors reserves the right to determine what offenses shall be deemed "severe in nature".

Sanctions for subsequent violations will be assessed based on the severity of the offense and the player's past record of violations. Sanctions may include, but are not limited to, suspension for one or more games and/or permanent expulsion from PCYS. Appeals of sanctions must be made in writing to the PCYS, Ltd. Board of Directors. The PCYS, Ltd. Board of Directors will rule on all appeals. The PCYS, Ltd. Board of Directors will act as the final appeal committee.

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Yellow / Red Card Policy

- Each team will be addressed by a board member on the policies towards proper conduct and consequences of players/parents actions.
- All coaches will report any cards received by their players, parents or coaching staff within 72 hours, via the www.pcys.net.
- Each report must determine whether it is a course of play foul or misconduct foul and must provide details of the offense and number of offenses this year for that player.
- A course of play foul: Yellow-1 point, and Red-3 points.
- A misconduct foul: Yellow-3 points, and Red-6 points.
- First 6 points a player must sit a game; 9 points two additional games; 12 points 3 additional games; and 15 points remainder of the season. Player must sit on the team bench in order for the penalty time to count.
- Any ejections in the game of parents of players will count towards the player and the parent as a red misconduct foul.
- A parent who has to serve penalty time may not watch their child's next game(s).

Parent Code of Conduct

- I will positively support and encourage my child, my child's teammates and my child's opponents.
- I realize soccer is a team sport, and will applaud the successes of all players as well as my own child.
- I will accept the results of every game, and encourage players to be gracious in victory and to turn defeat into victory by working to improve.
- I will allow the coach to coach and the players to play.
- I will help my child to fulfill his or her obligation to the team and be able to talk to the coach.
- I will encourage my child to play by the laws of the game and the spirit of the game.
- I realize the attitudes shown by parents at the games toward their child, the opposing team, the officials and the coach influences the child's behavior in sports. Therefore, I will be a role model of good sportsmanship and expect my child to be the same.
- I understand that criticism and disrespect for officials and opponents by parents focused on immediate success rather than long-range benefits undermines the purposes of sport and brings undue stress to the coach, officials, and players.
- I realize my behavior affects perceptions of my child, my child's team, and Portage County Youth Soccer.

I have read the above Player's Code of Ethics, the Yellow/Red Card Policy, and the Parents Code of Conduct and agree to abide by these codes.

Player's Signature & Date

Parent/Guardian Signature & Date