



NON ATHLETE CODE OF CONDUCT

The Watchung Hills Soccer Association recognizes that youth sports play an important role in promoting the physical, social and emotional development of children. It is therefore essential for parents, coaches, spectators, and officials to encourage youth athletes to embrace the values of good sportsmanship. Moreover, adults involved in youth sports events should be models of good sportsmanship and should lead by example by demonstrating fairness, respect and self-control.

Therefore, all parents, coaches, volunteers, spectators, employees, and officials shall conform their behavior to the following code of conduct while attending, coaching, officiating or participating in a youth sports event and will:

1. Not engage in unsportsmanlike conduct with any coach, parent, player, participant, official or any other attendee.
2. Not encourage any child (including his/her own), or any other person, to engage in unsportsmanlike conduct with any coach, parent, player, participant, official or any other attendee.
3. Not engage in any behavior which would endanger the health, safety or well-being of any coach, parent, player, participant, official or any other attendee.
4. Not encourage any child (including his/her own), or any other person, to engage in any behavior which would endanger the health, safety or well-being of any coach, parent, player, participant, official or any other attendee.
5. Not use drugs or alcohol while at a youth sports event and will not attend, coach, officiate or participate in a youth sports event while under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
6. Not permit any child (including his/her own), or encourage any other person, to use drugs or alcohol at a youth sports event and will not permit any child (including his/her own), or encourage any other person, to attend, coach, officiate or participate in a youth sports event while under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
7. Not engage in the use of profanity.



8. Not encourage any child (including his/her own), or any other person, to engage in the use of profanity.
9. Treat every coach, parent, player, participant, official or any other attendee with respect regardless of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation or ability.
10. Encourage every child (including his/her own) to treat any coach, parent, player, participant, official or any other attendee with respect regardless of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation or ability.
11. Not engage in verbal or physical threats or abuse aimed at any coach, parent, player, participant, official or any other attendee.
12. Not encourage any child (including his/her own), or any other person, to engage in verbal or physical threats or abuse aimed at any coach, parent, player, participant, official or any other attendee.
13. Not initiate a fight or scuffle with any coach, parent, player, participant, official or any other attendee.
14. Not encourage any child (including his/her own), or any other person, to initiate a fight or scuffle with any coach, parent, player, participant, official or any other attendee.

Any individual who fails to conform his/her conduct to the foregoing while attending, coaching, officiating or participating in a youth sports event will be subject to disciplinary action, as determined by the Board of Directors for serious offenses, or by the game official, coach, or league representative for minor infractions. Disciplinary action may include, but not limited to:

1. Verbal warning.
2. Written warning.
3. Suspension or immediate ejection.
4. Suspension from multiple events.
5. Season suspension or multiple season suspension.

Parents are encouraged to talk with coaches or the Director of Coaching if they have questions or concerns about the program. These conversations should always be: (i) in private; (ii) professional, and (iii) with player and team as the focal points. Unless a crime has



been committed, parents are encouraged to allow for a 24 hour cooling off period to pass prior to discussing issues with coaches.

In addition to the rules set forth herein, all parents, coaches, volunteers, employees, and officials shall abide by any and all rules and regulations set forth by the venue hosting the event.

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