

Dubuque Soccer Club Sideline Behavior Policy

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At DSC, we take parent sideline conduct very seriously. We set high standards for our club, and as a parent, player, or fan, you represent our high standards, and we are very proud of that.

Collectively we need to manage our sideline behavior better than ever. We want our families to be aware of these policies and provide information to help guide you as you watch games involving your child.

DSC Has 3 Simple (But Mandatory) Sideline Behavior Requirements for Game Day:

- There should not be any parent coaching from the sideline during a game, in any capacity.
- DSC parents should not get involved in any verbal or physical confrontations with opposing parents or DSC team parents on the sidelines or in the proximity of any game.
- DSC parents should not have any dialogue with or be confrontational in any capacity, towards any referees or officials involved in the game.

The Director of Coaching will assess any instance that deviates from these requirements and will submit the results to the Board of Directors, who will ultimately decide on the necessary course of action. If action is necessary, the available options range from a caution or warning, to requiring a personal apology, probation, service work, suspension from playing or attending games as the case might be, or as a final step, expulsion from DSC. Furthermore, both a Parent and a Player may be asked or required to attend a hearing before the Board of Directors of the Club. As a participant, you are responsible for your own actions, and will be held accountable for them.

DSC takes this issue very seriously and will not tolerate a breach of any of these requirements. **Furthermore, if any DSC parent is asked to leave the field/ ejected (by the game referee or officials), they will serve a minimum 2 PLAY DATE BAN from their child's next two play dates.** The club will impose this in addition to the sanctions from the respective gaming league.

Please note, we have very few incidents of this nature at DSC, and we are proud of the general conduct of our parent sidelines. However, there are occasional incidents involving DSC parents and family members that reflect poorly on the club and our standards. **Please understand that we have a “ZERO-TOLERANCE” policy for sideline behavior that results in an ejection and/or any behavior which is detrimental to DSC.**

We know and recognize that a very high percentage of our parents are impeccably behaved on the sidelines and represent the club superbly well. We thank you all in advance for your cooperation in these matters as we move through this season.

Thank you,

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