

KITTYHAWK AREA CODE OF ETHICS AND BEHAVIOR

The following Code of Ethics and Behavior is designed to let players, coaches, and spectators know what type of behavior is acceptable and unacceptable. The penalties for unacceptable behavior are in CAPITAL LETTERS.

The referee is in charge and controls the game: *before, during and after the game.*

YELLOW CARD: Cautionable offense with immediate removal suggested, at the discretion of the coach.

RED CARD: Immediate expulsion plus one (1) game suspension. (No replacement: Team plays short if the incident occurs on the field during the course of the game).

PLAYERS AND COACHES WILL:

- Display good sportsmanship before, during and after the game.
- Be aware of the Laws of the game and the responsibilities of the referee.
- Not use abusive language. (RED Card)
Not use foul language or gestures. (YELLOW/RED Card - referee discretion according to severity)
- Not use threatening actions or words. (RED Card)
Not use aggressive physical contact, i.e., grabbing the arm, turning individual around in anger, spitting, poking, bumping, pushing, etc. (RED Card)
- Not strike (with hand) or kick, in anger. (RED Card and Possible Expulsion for season)
- Not refuse to leave the playing field after RED Card. (additional one (1) game suspension).
Not be under the influence of illegal drugs or alcohol before or during the game. (RED Card and expulsion for season)

ALL RED CARDS WILL BE SENT TO THE DISTRICT AND AREA BOARDS. UPON REVIEW, EITHER BOARD MAY IMPOSE FURTHER PENALTIES, IF WARRANTED. THE PLAYER/COACH MAY BE PUT ON PROBATION, SUSPENDED, OR EXPELLED. AN EXPELLED PLAYER MAY BE REINSTATED FOLLOWING A FAVORABLE REVIEW BY THE AREA BOARD. A VIOLATION OF AN EXPULSION MAY RESULT IN THE ELIMINATION OF A TEAM FROM THE LEAGUE AND/OR TOURNAMENT PLAY. ALL PENALTIES MAY BE APPEALED TO THE AREA BOARD USING THE DUE PROCESS FORM. IF YOU HAVE A QUESTION, SEE YOUR COACH.

PARENTS AND SPECTATORS WILL:

- Understand that their children are playing a game and to encourage their participation without discouraging the opponents.
- Understand that referees are human and make mistakes. However, they are there to conduct the game fairly. Constant badgering of an official is not appropriate response to a call considered to be bad.
- Mistakes are a part of the game. Constant persistence may result in the team's coaches getting carded for your offenses and behavior.
- Understand that a game may be terminated by an official if parents do not conduct themselves in a proper manner. The offending team may have to forfeit the game upon board review.
- Not threaten to strike or strike any official. Any physical contact with an official could mean legal action by the district or Area association.
- Understand that referees' responsibilities begin when they enter the area and conclude when they leave the area (area is the field and the associated parking lots). The end of the game is not the end of the referee's responsibilities.
- Try to enjoy the game and let others enjoy watching their children play a very exciting game.

**** All above actions pertain to Officials, Players, Coaches, and Spectators****