

NNYSA PARENT/SPECTATOR CODE OF CONDUCT

Your young athlete is playing soccer for FUN. Below are the rules you must observe. Please read carefully and sign at the bottom of the page to acknowledge you understand what behavior is expected at every NNYSA Event. It is also your responsibility to inform any guests that you invite or bring with you to NNYSA soccer games/practice of this expected code of conduct. Failure to comply will result in immediate removal and suspension from facilities occupied by NNYSA and expulsion from programs. By signing up with NNYSA, you agree to the following:

A parent or guardian should:

- Foster an environment of respect for referees, players, coaches, and spectators of the opposing team through words of encouragement and support.
- Applaud superior play, effort, and sportsmanship by players on both teams.
- Support your coaches and managers consistently regardless of the results on the field. Coaches contribute many hours of their time to your children. They deserve your congratulations when the team wins and your encouragement when the team doesn't.
- Communicate any concerns to the coach at the appropriate time (recommended 24 hour cool off period) away from the playing location and players.
- Always remain at least two yards from the playing field so our young players have room to play and enjoy the game.
- Your cooperation with these standards before, during, and after each game or practice will make NNYSA Soccer more enjoyable for everyone.

A parent or guardian must:

- Never use foul language or obscene gestures at a game, practice site, or any NNYSA event. Failure to comply will result in immediate removal and suspension from facilities occupied by NNYSA or removal from the program.
- Avoid comments and gestures that express disagreement with referee decisions.
- Cooperate with any request by the game officials.
- Not approach coaches or any other parents regarding disagreements and address all concerns to the league directly.
- Never consume alcoholic beverages on the field location at practices or games.

A parent or guardian understands that:

- Any parent or spectator who fails to adhere to these standards will be required to leave the playing area, and play will be suspended and further action may be taken.
- NNYSA reserves the right to suspend or terminate a player's enrollment for his or her parent's persistent or extreme sideline misbehavior, and there will be no refunds of player fees in such cases.
- Parents or guardians are responsible for their guests' behavior and must inform their guests of the applicable rules of conduct.

Any breaches of this Code of Conduct can result in your child's suspension and a member's removal from NNYSA. Comments and behavior of any member which contradict the mission statement or disrupt the functioning of a team can result in the suspension and/or removal from the NNYSA.

1. Violation of this Code of Conduct will result in league action and possible sanctions against your child's team or removal from any facilities into perpetuity.
2. **Do not shout insults or negative comments at the referees, coaches, players or other spectators – this includes at any NNYSA events like games and practices.** The referee/league representative has the power to stop the match if a parent or spectator is insulting or behaving in a manor that jeopardizes the safety of the referee, players or coaches. Your child, his/her coach and team will be sanctioned for this type of behavior. This can include, but is not limited to, suspension or expulsion from the league and/or loss of team points.
3. **ONLY** carded officials and registered players are allowed on the team's sideline.
4. Alcoholic beverages and recreational drugs are NOT permitted at any NNYSA facilities or matches.
5. No Dogs or other animals are allowed at NNYSA facilities or matches.
6. Drones are NOT allowed at NNYSA facilities or matches as per US Youth Soccer policy.