



## Code of Conduct

*Registering your player indicates that you have read this Code of Conduct and agree to abide by its contents.*

1. **I understand that youth soccer is a kid's game and that it is a privilege to stand along the sidelines and watch children play their game.** Just as I do not yell and scream, curse, create a public disturbance, threaten officials in the office, at the Motor Vehicle Department, at my child's class play, or during other public activities, I understand that such behavior is not to be tolerated on the sidelines while my child plays soccer.
2. **I understand that constant coaching from the sidelines by a variety of people is not only unacceptable conduct, but it is also counterproductive, since it distracts the players from their decision making on the field and their enjoyment of the game.** Scottsdale Soccer enjoys the participation of many positive and supportive parents. Cheering and positive encouragement from parents, siblings, and other spectators is a natural part of the game of soccer. Negative comments and constant coaching directed at players on the field from either team, substitute players, or coaches will be subject to discipline by the Center Referee, coach, director of the program, or the Board of Directors.
3. **I understand that my role on the sidelines is to be a role model of sportsmanship for these kids.** I agree to be positive with my comments regardless of the outcome of the game. I agree to remind other parents, coaches, etc, who may get out of hand from time to time, why they are at the game. I understand that I must remain at least three yards outside of the sideline during the game.
4. **I agree to be tolerant of the officials calls,** whether I agree with them or not, and encourage my child/player to do the same. I understand that a large number of the officials are children themselves and are learning as they go, and I will encourage them to do the best they can. I agree that I will not berate them, threaten them, curse at them, or in any way physically or verbally abuse an official of any age. Should I have a complaint about the Referee, I understand that there is a system in place to report the complaint and I will follow those procedures.
5. **I understand that at no time during the course of a game will anyone enter the field of play without the express permission of the Center Referee.** I realize that all persons on the sideline must be at least three yards back from the sideline to allow the linesman unobstructed access and view of the sideline. I understand that the Referee is not obligated to delay the progress of a game to explain their calls to anyone, including me.
6. **I understand that the coaches, parents, substitute players, and spectators from opposing teams will occupy opposite sides of the playing field and will remain on their respective sides during the entire course of each game.** At no time during the course of the game will anyone be allowed to stand behind either goal line.
7. **I understand that the enjoyment of the kids playing the sport they love is much more important than the outcome of the game.** I will encourage my children to play hard, play fair, respect the Referees and other officials, and congratulate their opponent at each and every game. I agree to try my best to make each and every soccer game, practice, scrimmage, and tournament a positive experience for my child and all those around me.
8. **I understand that the Head Coach is responsible for the behavior of the parents, substitute players, and spectators on their sidelines.** If the Referees detect unacceptable behavior on a particular sideline they will caution the head coach on that sideline to deal with the individuals involved. Failure to do so may result in discipline of the coach in addition to discipline of the individual involved.
9. **I understand that profanity, fighting, and the consumption of alcohol are all expressly prohibited at all Scottsdale Soccer and Arizona Youth Soccer Association activities.** AYSA is a parent organization of Scottsdale Soccer.
10. **As a parent, coach, assistant coach, team parent, business manager, or other affiliate of my child's soccer team, I understand that according to Scottsdale Soccer and AYSA, I am a member of their Associations.** As a member I understand that I am responsible for complying with all the rules and regulations in the bylaws and can be held accountable for my actions.
11. **I understand that violation of any of these principles may result in punishment of the individuals responsible by the Board of Directors of Scottsdale Soccer or the league in which the player participates.** Such punishment may include suspension from participation in Scottsdale Soccer activities (including attendance at games). Scottsdale Soccer is the named lessee of the facilities where its activities occur and, as such, has the legal right to exclude persons whose conduct is disruptive from those facilities during Scottsdale Soccer activities, up to and including having those persons removed by police as trespassers. All rules and regulations are provided to each coach within Scottsdale Soccer and will be made available to any other parent, player sibling or other spectator upon request.
12. **I agree that if I act in a way that interferes with game play, which will be decided at the sole discretion of the game officials, that I will be asked to vacate the field area immediately, and I will do so quickly and without delay.** Furthermore, I understand that I may also be subject to filing of criminal charges should my actions endanger or threaten the safety of players, spectators or Game Officials. Scottsdale Soccer will enforce a Zero Tolerance Policy relative to abusive or threatening behavior at any Scottsdale Soccer sponsored event. The Field Officials can and will call upon Law Enforcement to ensure the safety of everyone.

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