

Pennsville Soccer Association Code of Conduct

Youth sports programs play an important role in promoting the physical, social, and emotional development of all of our children. It is essential for coaches, parents, players and officials to encourage youth athletes to embrace the values of good sportsmanship. There is no better way to achieve this than by leading by example and demonstrating fairness, respect, and self control.

I pledge to be responsible for my words and actions while attending all Pennsville Soccer Association (“PSA”) events and shall conform my behavior to the following code of conduct:

1. I will not engage nor encourage my child to engage in unsportsmanlike conduct with any coach, parent, player, participant, official, or attendee.
2. I will not engage in nor encourage my child to engage in any behavior which would endanger the health, safety, or well being of any coach, parent, player, participant, official, or attendee.
3. I will not use and will not permit my child to use drugs or alcohol while at a PSA event and will not attend, coach, officiate or participate in a PSA event while under the influence of drugs, or alcohol.
4. I will not engage in nor encourage my child to engage in the use of profanity.
5. I will treat and encourage my child to treat any employee, coach, parent, player, participant, official, or any other attendee with respect regardless of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, or ability.
6. I will not engage in and will discourage my child from engaging in verbal or physical threats or abuse aimed at any coach, parent, player, participant, official, or attendee.
7. I will not initiate and will not encourage my child to initiate a fight or scuffle with any coach, parent, player, participant, official, or any attendee.
8. I will not disparage or degrade any other club, team, or player while I am participating in a PSA sanctioned event.
9. I agree and acknowledge my personal financial obligation to be responsible to pay and/or reimburse PSA for any League or State Association fines or costs assessed against PSA as a result of my actions. I understand that my failure to uphold my financial responsibility to pay and/or reimburse PSA for any fines or costs assessed for my actions may result in the loss of playing privileges for any and all of my children involved in PSA.

If I fail to conform my conduct to the foregoing while attending, coaching, officiating or participating in an PSA event, I will be subject to disciplinary action, including but not limited to the following in any order or combination, at the discretion of the PSA Board of Directors:

- Oral or Written warning
- Suspension or immediate ejection from any PSA program or event
- Suspension from multiple PSA programs or events
- Season suspension
- Fines
- Permanent termination from all PSA programs and events

These penalties will be in addition to imposed league penalties, fines or suspensions.