



Five Points Soccer Association for Youth
 Fayetteville * Georgetown * Hillsboro * North Adams *
 Blanchester * Lynchburg * Leesburg * Ripley * Sardinia *
 West Union * Peebles * Whiteoak *



Spectators' Code of Ethics

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SPECTATORS are an important part of soccer. They, by their actions (behavior), can make it either an exciting event OR can create a considerable amount of pain and discomfort for coaches, players, and game officials as well as other spectators.

The COACHES' and PLAYERS' code of ethics notes several violations. At the discretion and direction of the Referee or other Field Official, **Spectators** may be **EJECTED** (no cards) from the field or area for any of the following offenses:

- Entering the field without permission from the referee (including during an injury)
- Showing dissent by words or actions with any decision of the referee. THREATENING or AGGRESSIVE MANNER OR ACTIONS, HARASSMENT (of players, coaches, officials, or other spectators.) and ABUSIVE or FOUL language as well as the appearance of being under the influence of illegal drugs or alcohol. (Smoking near the field is not permitted and should be done in the parking lot.)
- Coaching from spectator's side of field or instructing players to play in a dangerous or unsportsmanlike manner.
- Spectators are not allowed on the field "before, during, and after the game" without permission from the referee. Spectators must remain on the opposite side of the field from the players and coaches between the penalty box lines.
- Spectators are not to approach or interrupt the coaches or players on either team during the game unless invited by the coach to do so.

ALL SPECTATORS are subject to these same behavior violations. In the event a game official has determined that a SPECTATOR'S conduct is in violation of any of the above, the coaches will be advised and be required to immediately deal with the matter. The official will either state a warning or request that the SPECTATORS LEAVE THE FIELD AREA.

Any time SPECTATORS comes under penalty to the point that they are required to leave the field area, the referee can suspend play until that has been accomplished. If the SPECTATOR will not leave the field, as required, the referee may suspend the game until the spectator has complied.

All such occurrences, where the SPECTATOR has been required to leave the field, **MUST** be reported to the Disciplinary Committee before 8:00 p.m. that same day. Any occurrence reported to the Disciplinary committee will be handled on a case-by-case basis. Actions taken could include: 1 or more game suspension, season suspension, or permanent expulsion from all Five Points games.

ALL SPECTATORS are expected to comply with the above code of ethics regardless of personal signature below and uphold a high standard of behavior for themselves and all present before, during and after practices and games. **PLEASE** share this information with other family and friends that may also be present at practices and games so that they are also aware of the penalties for poor spectator behavior.

Retain top portion for your reference. (Bottom portion to be turned into Coach and given to local Five Points District Representative)

I, _____ (Parent/Guardian) have read the **Spectators' Code of Ethics** and agree to the above conditions as a prerequisite to being present at Five Points SAY games. As the representative of my child's family and friends I will uphold others in our group to the same high standards of behavior and inform them of the consequences for violating the **Spectators Code of Ethics**.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Player's First & Last Name

Date