



## **Policy Memorandum #1: Code of Conduct**

**Effective Date:** January 1, 20206

### **1. Purpose & Scope**

1.1 Define clear behavioral expectations for all Ogden Soccer Club participants—players, parents, coaches, referees, and spectators—in alignment with the Club’s core principles: Player Centered®, Trained Coaches, Positive Environment, and Community Focused.

1.2 Applies to all OSC activities, including practices, matches, tournaments, Club events, and related digital or social media conduct.

### **2. Policy**

#### *2.1 Player Code of Conduct*

2.1.1 Demonstrate good sportsmanship at all times.

2.1.2 Maintain a consistently positive attitude toward teammates and coaches.

2.1.3 Compete against opponents—not referees—to focus on playing your best.

2.1.4 Shake hands with the opposing team and acknowledge referees at the end of each match.

2.1.5 Players are encouraged to speak with their coach at any time, including immediately after games.

2.1.6 Bullying of any kind—online or offline—is strictly prohibited. Ogden Soccer educates players on the consequences of bullying and the importance of respect.

2.1.7 Read and sign the Player Contract and provide it to your coach

#### *2.2 Parent Code of Conduct*

2.2.1 Allow the coach to coach, the referee to officiate, and your child to play.

2.2.2 Provide positive support at home, during practices, and at games.

2.2.3 Avoid coaching from the sidelines or expressing opinions about playing time, position, or strategy. Direct concerns to the team coach or age group coordinator.

2.2.4 24-Hour Rule: Parents must wait 24 hours after a match before discussing player performance or team issues with coaches. This includes emails, texts, and phone calls.

*Players are exempt.*

2.2.5 Accept game outcomes with grace. Encourage your child to be gracious in victory and resilient in defeat.

#### *2.3 Spectator Conduct*

2.3.1 Spectators must uphold the same standards of behavior expected of players and coaches.

2.3.2 Abusive or destructive comments from the sidelines will not be tolerated.



2.3.3 Do not coach from the sidelines or make negative remarks.

2.3.4 Cheer, encourage, and applaud all players. Keep comments positive and supportive.

#### *2.4 Coach & Volunteer Code of Conduct*

2.4.1 Model the Club's guiding principles in all interactions.

2.4.2 Prioritize player development over winning.

2.4.3 Maintain a respectful and inclusive environment for all players and families.

2.4.4 Communicate clearly and professionally with parents, players, and referees.

2.4.5 Uphold the 24-Hour Rule when addressing parent concerns.

2.4.6 Report any violations of conduct to Club leadership promptly.

2.4.7 Read and sign the Coach/Volunteer Contract and provide it to the Director of Coaching or Executive Director

#### *2.5 Referee Code of Conduct*

2.5.1 Officiate matches with fairness, consistency, and professionalism.

2.5.2 Maintain composure and neutrality, even in challenging situations.

2.5.3 Communicate respectfully with players, coaches, and spectators.

2.5.4 Report incidents of misconduct to Club leadership for review.

#### *2.6 Examples of Inappropriate Conduct*

2.6.1 Verbal harassment or criticism of referees, coaches, or players.

2.6.2 Physical contact, threats, or encouragement of violence.

2.6.3 Abuse of players, including verbal or aggressive physical training.

2.6.4 Consumption of alcohol or illegal drugs, or notable impairment at Club events.

2.6.5 Use of tobacco or vapor products near playing areas.

2.6.6 Violation of the 24-Hour Rule.

### **3. Consequences of Unacceptable Conduct**

3.1 Ogden Soccer reserves the right to take disciplinary action—including warnings, suspensions, or removal from Club activities—against any individual who violates this Code of Conduct.

### **4. Contact Information**

4.1 [Support@ogdensoccer.com](mailto:Support@ogdensoccer.com)

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