

Code of Conduct: Expectations of all B-E Youth Soccer Participants



You Only Get to Wear One Hat

When you are at a game you're either a coach, spectator, parent, player or referee. You can NOT wear two hats.

REFEREE RESPECT

All participants (coaches, players, parents, and other spectators): You are expected to be respectful of all referees at all times. Abuse and/or harassment of referees will not be tolerated and the referee's decisions are final. Remember that the referees are also human and are capable of a mistake. Some are youth, just like your own child.

SPORTSMANSHIP

- Please remember that this is NOT professional soccer. The players are kids and this is RECREATIONAL soccer. They are here to learn and have FUN. - Good sportsmanship is expected at all times.
<https://changingthegameproject.com/why-kids-quit-sports/>
- Foul, obscene, offensive, or vulgar language is not to be used by anyone.
- Coaches, substitute players, parents, and any other spectators are expected to remain 2 yards (yes, that is 6 feet!) from the field boundary lines.

PARENTS/GUARDIANS

- You will be held responsible for the conduct of yourself, your child(ren), and any other persons/spectators who attend our events on behalf of your child(ren).
- You are responsible for ensuring that any other persons who attend our events on behalf of your child(ren) are informed about this Code of Conduct and its content.
- Cheer and support YOUR whole team and NOT against your opponent. Always be supportive of your child, their teammates and coaches.
- Never badger the opposing players or argue with their supporters. Appreciate good play from both sides.
- Let the coach do his/her job. Regardless of whether they are experienced or have very little experience, they deserve to be treated with respect. *No parental coaching from the sidelines.* WAIT 24 hours before communicating with your coach after a game if you have something negative to say.
- Parents are not allowed on the field during a match for any reason. Parents who enter the field may be instructed by the referee to leave the premises immediately. If the referee determines that the player needs care or assistance, the coach will be summoned onto the field to address this.
- Remain Positive After Games – Use the end of the game to PRAISE your child about how excited you were to watch them play. They really ONLY care that you were THERE and having FUN.

PLAYERS

- Treat other players as you wish to be treated.
- Encourage your teammates.
- Be respectful towards your coach and referees.
- Play clean and fair and follow the Laws of the Game. Don't cheat.
- Show up on time, have fun, & encourage teammates.

COACHES

- Make FUN FUN FUN your top priority.
- Do your best to learn the Laws of the Game.
- Teach your players to play fair and follow the Laws of the Game. Do not teach or encourage deliberate unsportsmanlike behavior.

- Never place the value of winning over the safety and welfare of the players.
- Teach good sportsmanship to your players.
- Teach by example, use good communication tools.

COMPLAINTS:

- Anyone having a grievance/complaint regarding any match shall present/communicate such grievance/complaint to Burlington Parks and Recreation via email or mail.

NOTE: The grievance/complaint becomes a Public Record).

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General: Violations of this Code of Conduct may result in disciplinary action being taken by Burlington Parks and Recreation and/or SKVYSA.

Signature required each season by both Parent/Guardian and child (only one form needed per family)

I have read the Code of Contact statement and agree to comply with its guidelines. My signature below indicates that I have read the Code of Conduct statement, understand the guidelines it has presented, and agree to comply with its provisions. I will ensure that any other persons who attend the matches on behalf of my family are informed of the Code of Conduct and its guidelines and I will help by modeling its guidelines.

Fall Season 2026

Date: _____

Child(ren) Name(s): _____

Parent Name (Printed): _____ Parent Signature: _____

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Thank you to SYVSA & SCPR for the examples of commendable guidelines. ~ Burlington Parks & Rec Staff