

## **Woodstown Soccer Club**

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## **WOODSTOWN SOCCER CLUB - CODE OF CONDUCT**

The Woodstown Soccer Club (hereafter referred to as "Club"), is a private youth soccer organization committed to the growth of soccer as a sport and the health and wellbeing of youth engaged in the sport of soccer in Woodstown-Pilesgrove Township.

As a private organization, the Club sponsors youth soccer programs for children preschool through high school. All youth athletes and their parents, when registered in accordance with Club guidelines, are welcome to participate in club-sponsored activities including training sessions, coach-led practice sessions, scrimmages, games, tournaments, and other Club functions/events.

### **Affiliation**

The Club is a private organization not affiliated with Woodstown or Pilesgrove Township or the Marlton Recreation Committee. As such, it is within the jurisdiction of the Club executive board to set aside standards of behavior and rules of operation consistent with its mission (noted in paragraph 1) and in keeping with a high standard of integrity for all athletes, their parents, and our coaches.

### **Standards of Behavior**

The following standards are to be exercised by parents, athletes, and coaches actively participating in all youth soccer programs within the Club jurisdiction. It is important that all athletes, parents, and coaches realize we are one club, with several club teams at various levels, therefore, we are all representatives of the same Club.

### **Enforcement**

The Club executive board will not tolerate any behavior which does not ensure a safe, educational and constructive sports environment for each and every athlete. Behavior by an athlete towards another which is inconsistent with the rules and spirit of the game will not be tolerated. The behavior of parents and/or coaches, who advocate or support such behavior, will also not be tolerated. Athletes, parents or coaches who violate any of the standards set forth below are subject to consequences at the boards discretion included but not limited to game and/or practice suspensions, immediate dismissal from the Club without any refund of registration fees or any other costs incurred, and/or banning for future registration.



## COACH CODE OF CONDUCT

The Woodstown Soccer Club can expect and hold me accountable for the following: It is the expectation of the club, that coaches of all Club athletes, will conduct themselves in a manner that supports the mission of the club. Our goal is always to increase our youth's understanding and likability of the game and learn how to deal with winning and losing in a team environment. Coaches will foster communication with parents and athletes to understand their roles in helping you as a coach. Coaches will place the emotional and physical well-being of all children first at all times. Coaches will take an active interest in the wellbeing of all athletes in the Club, not just those assigned to them, and inspire a similar attitude among the athletes on the team. As a coach, it is my responsibility to ensure the parents on the sideline are also treating all individuals on the field with respect and dignity and have agency to stop game play to enforce these responsibilities.

- I will treat each athlete as an individual, adjusting for the large range of emotional and physical development present within the same age group.
  - I will use those coaching techniques appropriate for all of the skills that I teach
  - I will do my best to organize practices that are fun and challenging for all my athletes.
  - I will place the emotional and physical well-being of my athletes ahead of a personal desire to win.
- I will do my best to provide a safe playing situation for my athletes.
- I promise to review and practice basic first aid principles needed to treat injuries of my athletes.
- I will be knowledgeable in the rules of the league, and I will teach these rules to my athletes.
- I will lead by example in demonstrating fair play and sportsmanship to all my athletes and parents.
  - I will avoid overplaying the talented athletes, knowing all athletes need and deserve fair playing time.
  - I will accept the results of each game, and encourage my athletes to be gracious in victory, and turn defeat to victory by working towards improvement.
- I will foster an open communication with my athletes and parents and all involved in the team.
  - I will meet with parents at the start of each season to review code of conduct, expectations, safety procedures, coaching style with parents and how to best communicate with me.
  - I will take any on-field problems with the play or behavior of an athlete(s) from another club team directly to the coach of the respective athlete(s).
  - I will elevate unresolved issues in a spirit of cooperation directly to the Club's President and respective travel or recreation coordinator for resolution.
- I will display control, respect, and professionalism to all involved with WSC. I will encourage others to do the same.
  - I will not cheat or engage in any form of unethical behavior that violates league rules.
  - I will refrain from negative comments regarding athletes, parents or other coaches, before, during or after any youth soccer event; treating each with respect and dignity.
  - I will never physically touch or verbally intimidate an athlete, another coach, trainer, referee Club official or parent before, during or after any youth soccer event.
  - I will not use or tolerate the use of obscene or verbally or physically aggressive behaviors at any WSC events by my team's athletes or parents .
- I understand there are fines imposed by the soccer league for egregious violations of the code of ethics.
- I understand that any violation of this contract will result in disciplinary action and/or possible removal from the club to be determined by the Woodstown SC Executive committee.

As a coach for the Club, I hereby pledge to provide support, care and encouragement for my athletes and promise to uphold the Code of Conduct and am able to eject players and spectators away from the game/fields as needed to enforce the Code.

Coaches registering with Woodstown Soccer Club agree to abide by the above Code of Conduct, and understand that failure to uphold any statements above may include disciplinary actions at the sole discretion of the WSC Board.



## PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT

The athletes, parents and coaches of the Woodstown Soccer Club can expect and hold me accountable for the following behaviors: It is the expectation of the club, that parents and guardians of all Club athletes, will conduct themselves in a manner that supports the mission of the club. I will be a positive influence and a role model and help my child enjoy the youth sports experience by doing whatever I can, such as being a respectful fan, assisting with coaching, or providing transportation. As a spectator, I shall demonstrate behavior that is of the highest standards while at any WSC events and help make soccer participation for my child and others a positive experience. I am involved in youth soccer for my child and for their personal development.

- I will learn and abide by all rules and policies of the Club/League and will seek clarification respectfully when not sure about any aspects of something that has occurred and will resolve conflicts respectfully.
- I will encourage my children to be knowledgeable of soccer rules and regulations, encourage good sportsmanship by being respectful to all athletes, coaches, officials and opposing athletes, coaches and teams.
- I will place the emotional and physical well-being of all children first at all times, recognizing that our goal is always to increase our youth's understanding and likability of the game and learn how to deal with winning and losing in a team environment and I will portray this attitude.
- I will support coaches, trainers, and officials that are working with my child
  - I will assist and aid the coaching and management staff of Woodstown SC in whatever way possible to help create an environment conducive to the development of our team and club.
  - I will encourage my child to address any questions or concerns directly with the coach.
  - I will encourage my child to be committed to getting to practice on time and meeting all the requirements of this club and their team.
  - I will not coach or direct any athlete from the sidelines, which may interfere with the coaches' instruction during any training/practice sessions, scrimmages or games.
  - I will communicate any problems or concerns to the coach at the appropriate time (recommended 24 hour cool off period) away from the location and athletes.
- I will insist that a safe and healthy environment is provided for all WSC participants.
  - I will follow all health and safety protocols in place and help any others attending with me understand and follow the procedure
  - I will not address referees or coaches during, or immediately after, any games.
  - I will not use foul language or obscene or aggressive behaviors at any WSC events, (including comments and gestures that express disagreement with referee decisions).
  - I will accept the results of each game, and encourage my child to be gracious in victory, and turn defeat to victory by working towards improvement.
  - I will refrain from negative comments regarding athletes or coaches to criticize or evaluate their play, before, during or after any WSC events.
  - I will never physically touch or verbally intimidate an athlete, coach, Club official, or referee before, during or after any WSC event.
- I understand there are fines imposed by the soccer league for egregious violations of the code of ethics.

As a parent/guardian of an athlete for the Club, I hereby pledge to provide support, care and encouragement for my child and promise to uphold the Code of Conduct.

Parents or Guardians registering their athletes with Woodstown Soccer Club agree to abide by the above Code of Conduct, and understand that failure to uphold any statements above may include disciplinary actions, including being asked to leave the game field or barred from attending youth soccer events sponsored by the Club. Disciplinary actions are at the discretion of the Board of Directors.



## ATHLETE CODE OF CONDUCT

The athletes, parents and coaches of the Woodstown Soccer Club can expect and hold me accountable for the following behaviors: It is the expectation of the club that all Club athletes will conduct themselves in a manner that supports the mission of the club. I will be a positive influence and a role model. As an athlete, I shall demonstrate behavior that is of the highest standards while at any WSC events and help make soccer participation for myself and others a positive experience. I am involved in youth soccer for my own personal development.

- I will encourage good sportsmanship from fellow athletes, coaches, officials and parents at every game and practice by demonstrating good sportsmanship.
- I will attend every practice and game that I can, and will notify my coach if I cannot.
- I will expect to receive a fair amount of playing time.
- I will do my very best to listen and learn from my coaches.
- I will treat my coaches, other athletes, officials and fans with respect even when I disagree with them and will resolve differences of opinion respectfully.
- I deserve to have fun during my sports experience and will alert parents or coaches if it stops being fun.
- I deserve to play in an environment that is free from drugs, tobacco and alcohol and expect adults to refrain from their use at all youth sports events.
- I will encourage my parents to be involved with my team in some capacity because it is important to me.
- I will do my very best in school.
- I will remember that sports participation is an opportunity to learn and have fun.
- I will be a good sport and applaud all good plays whether they are made by my team or the opposition.
- I will cooperate with my coach, teammates and opponents.
- I will display modesty in victory and graciousness in defeat.
- I will thank the opposition and officials at the end of the game.
- I will treat all athletes, parents, trainers, and coaches in the Club with respect and dignity.
- I will abide by all rules and policies of the Club.
- I will take an interest in learning the laws of the game, abide by these laws, and engage in fair play.
- I will always be in control of my behavior and never act in an overly verbally or physically aggressive or obscene manner towards another athlete (inconsistent with the rules and spirit of the game) during play, nor will I retaliate if I believe they have been wronged.
- I will never knowingly or willfully physically injure or verbally intimidate another athlete, coach, trainer, Club official, or referee before, during, or after any training, practice session, scrimmage, game, tournament, or any other Club function or youth soccer event.
- I understand that any violation of this contract will result in disciplinary action and/or possible removal from the club to be determined by the Woodstown SC Executive committee.

As an athlete for the Club, I hereby pledge to provide commitment, care and encouragement for myself and my teammates, coach, and parents and promise to uphold the Code of Conduct.

Athletes registered with Woodstown Soccer Club agree to abide by the above Code of Conduct, and understand that failure to uphold any statements above may include disciplinary actions, including being barred from attending youth soccer events sponsored by the Club. Disciplinary actions are at the sole discretion of the Board of Directors.