



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



Players Code of Ethics

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1. **REMEMBER THE GOLDEN RULE** – This is the most important rule you'll ever learn in sports! Always treat your teammates, coaches, opponents, and officials in the same manner that you would like to be treated. That means RESPECT, DIGNITY, and total sportsmanship **ALWAYS!** (i.e., practice, before/during/after games & non-soccer times).
2. **BE A GOOD SPORT**- Play fair. Be a leader. Set the example (Do not use profanity or vulgar language). Rise above poor behavior. Have fun. The way in which you conduct yourself has a long-lasting effect on everybody around you. That's what practicing good sportsmanship is all about.
3. **NEVER QUESTION AN OFFICIAL** – Officials do not care who wins and they have no favorite players. All they want is for a fair and safe game to be played. And that's no easy job. Make it easier not talking back to an official.
4. **LISTEN TO YOUR COACH** – You may think your coach is the best, the worst or somewhere in between. It makes no difference. If you're on the team, your job is to listen attentively to what your coach is saying. Coaches volunteer their own time to work with your team. Don't waste that time.
5. **LEARN THE RULES & PRACTICE THE FUNDAMENTALS** – when was the last time you sat down and actually read the rule book? It's hard to say you "know" the game if you really don't know the rules of the game. Master the soccer basics. Practice your dribbling, shooting, passing, and defense, over and over again.
6. **BE PATIENT WITH YOUR TEAMMATES**- Every player on your team has certain strengths and weaknesses. Be patient with your teammates as they improve their games – just as they will be patient with you improving your game. Soccer is a team sport. Success can only come when the entire team works and plays well together.
7. **PLAY HARD & HAVE FUN** – Hustle never goes out of style. Coaches absolutely love players who try a little harder. If playing hard isn't part of your game – make it! Win or lose, try to enjoy every moment on the field. If playing isn't fun, then something is wrong.

FAILURE to exhibit proper behavior at any time before/during/after the game may result in the following consequences:

Violation	Suggested Penalties
Threatening Actions (or words) or Abusive language toward an official, player, coach or spectator	Ejection
Foul language directed toward an official, player, coach, or spectator. OR "Incidental" language not directed to anyone	Warning/Ejection
Aggressive physical contact with the referee or Player, i.e., grabbing the arm, turning the individual around, poking, bumping, etc.	Referee's discretion
Striking or Kicking an official, player, coach, spectator	Ejection & possible Expulsion
Refusal to leave the playing field after ejection	TBD by committee
Harassment of a verbal nature that is constant & excessive toward referee or player	Referee's discretion
Drugs & Alcohol – either under the influence of or using prior or during the game	Season Expulsion

- Penalties that are assessed & the order in which penalties are applied is at the sole discretion of the referee.
- All Ejections noted automatically carry a suspension of current game + 1 game with a possibility of additional games to be determined by Disciplinary Committee
- All Ejections and/or Suspension will be reviewed by the Disciplinary Committee & further action can be taken if deemed appropriate.

Terms:	WARNING	A verbal statement from the game official
	CAUTION	Yellow Card
	EJECTION	Red Card
	SUSPENSION	Temporary removal from game participation (# games TBD)
	EXPULSION	Removal from any Five Points participation (time TBD)



1. All **EJECTIONS** will be reported to the Referee Coordinator before 8:00pm the same day of ejection. The Referee Coordinator will be responsible for reporting to the President that same evening.
2. Penalties that are assessed, which are longer than the remaining season, may be carried over to the next season.
3. Penalties that are assessed after the game will be carried over to the next game.

****COACHES PLEASE** review this document with your team & have the players or their parent/guardian sign to acknowledge that they have read & agreed to this document.

Division (i.e., Girls Strikers)

Coach's Signature

District Rep Signature

Date

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