

## **PLAYER & COACH CODE OF CONDUCT**

As a condition of their participation in the Max Futbol indoor soccer league, all players and team officials agree to abide by the following:

**Demonstrate Good Sportsmanship:** Be respectful and positive. Interactions between opponents and game officials should be done in a positive and respectful manner. Wins and losses are to be accepted gracefully.

- Coaches encourage positive sportsmanship by their players and their spectators by being a positive example. Coaches are expected to model the behavior they expect in their players and spectators and are accountable for their actions. Rude or inappropriate comments, actions, or gestures are subject to League discipline.
- In addition to their own behavior, coaches are also accountable for the behavior of their players and spectators. Coaches must help their team's players and spectators regain control if they get inappropriately carried away with their emotions.
- Players are expected to practice appropriate behavior when on the field or team sideline. While soccer is a physical sport, over-aggressive, reckless or violent play as well as foul language are not tolerated. Fighting may result in permanent removal from the League.

**Respect Officials:** Do not openly or directly criticize the referee before, during, or after games.

- Shouting at, or loudly disagreeing with, a referee's call is subject to discipline.
- Dissent towards match officials is not allowed with a zero-tolerance policy towards referee abuse.
- Coaches and players may not always agree with or understand the basis for a referee's decision. A referee may decide to explain a call, but the referee is in no way required to provide an explanation. If a coach has a question about a call, the coach should speak privately to the referee at halftime or at the end of the match in a respectful manner.
  - Please note, all calls are at the discretion of the referee and are determined by how the referee interpreted the actions of the game at that specific instance in time.

**Language:** Profanity or derogatory slurs or statements are not allowed. Offensive language or aggressive gestures may be grounds for sanctions up to expulsion from the league.