



Ancaster Youth Soccer Club Players Code of Conduct

v1.0

Our Objective:

The Ancaster Youth Soccer Club *Codes Of Conduct* establish a clear set of guidelines for the referee, coach, player and parents/guardian. Its primary goal is to help ensure that soccer is a fun, positive and enjoyable experience.

The *Code Of Conduct* is based on the concept of fair play, defined by five basic principals:

- Respect for the rules
- Respect for the referees and their decisions
- Respect for all participants, including team mates, coaches and opponents
- Equal participation
- Maintaining self control at all times

Coaches should read and discuss all the *Codes Of Conduct* with the members (players/parents) on your team. It is a condition of continuing Club membership that all members follow the *Codes Of Conduct* at all times.

Player's Code Of Conduct:

- I will play soccer because I want to, not because others want me to.
- I will play by the rules of soccer and in the spirit of the game.
- I will control my temper. I will not fight, argue or use bad language.
- I will respect my opponents.
- I will be a team player.
- I will remember that winning is not everything –that having fun, playing fair, improving my skills, making friends and doing my best are the most important.
- I will acknowledge all good play – those of my teammates and my opponents.
- I will accept the decisions of coaches and referees and show them respect.

Games and Practices:

- I agree that practices and games are equally important.
- I will arrive 10 minutes before practices and 15 minutes before games unless otherwise instructed by my coach.
- If I am unable to make a game or practice, I will notify the coach at least 24 hours in advance so that arrangements can be made for call-ups.

My Uniform:

- I will take good care of it and wear it only on game days. I will ensure that it is clean for every game.
- At practices I will wear comfortable and appropriate shirt and shorts.
- I will wear shin guards and appropriate footwear for all games and practices.
- I will remove any jewelry, watches or any item that may cause injury to me or my teammates or opposing players prior to participating in games or practices.

Discipline:

- At all times I will show respect for the coaches, referees, teammates and opposing players.
- Infractions that occur during the game are governed by the Laws Of The Game and will be decided by the referee.
- Serious infractions (e.g. Referee Assault) will result in a Discipline Hearing, possible suspension from soccer and a fine being levied by the Ontario Soccer Association and / or The Hamilton & District Soccer Association. Paying any fine is my responsibility.

Resolving Problems:

Talk to the person privately. If you are upset, we recommend you wait 24 hours and then determine if you wish to pursue the issue. If you require further guidance on an issue please contact the soccer office at 905-304-1491.