



Ancaster Youth Soccer Club Referees Code of Conduct

v1.0

Our Objective:

The Ancaster Youth Soccer Club *Codes Of Conduct* establish a clear set of guidelines for the coach, referee, 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.

Referees Code Of Conduct:

- I will always maintain the utmost respect for the game of soccer.
- I will conduct myself honorably at all times and maintain the dignity of my position.
- I will always honor an assignment or any other contractual obligation.
- I will attend training meetings and clinics so as to know the Laws of the Game, their proper interpretation and their application.
- I will always strive to achieve maximum teamwork with my fellow officials.
- I will be loyal to my fellow officials and never knowingly promote criticism of them.
- I will be in good physical condition.
- I will dress appropriately and wear my uniform at all games so that I present a professional image.
- I will control the players effectively by being courteous and considerate without sacrificing fairness.
- I will do my utmost to assist my fellow officials to better themselves and their work.
- I will not make any statements about any games except to clarify an interpretation of the Laws of the Game.
- I will not discriminate against nor take undue advantage of any individual group on the basis of race, color, religion, sex or national origin.
- I consider it a privilege to be a part of the Ancaster Youth Soccer Club and my actions will reflect credit upon that organization and its affiliates.

Resolving Problems:

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.

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