

# Waterford Soccer Club Code of Conduct



At Waterford Soccer Club our goal is to provide a fun and safe learning environment for our youth in which to develop skills, teamwork, and a life-long love of the game. In order to achieve these goals, WSC has adopted a Code of Conduct for all players, coaches, parents/guardians, and volunteers associated with the club. This Code of Conduct serves as a contractual agreement between the club and its members to abide by the rules of the game as stipulated by our parent organization Connecticut Junior Soccer Association as well as a commitment to provide a safe, fun and welcoming environment that prioritizes fair play and sport.

Above all, we aim to:

- Foster a community of respect
- Ensure a safe learning environment guided by positive reinforcement and fair play
- Develop the player's life-long love and enjoyment of the game

Waterford Soccer Club requires all players, coaches, parents/guardians and volunteers to read and agree to uphold the standards noted below.

## Parent/Guardian Code of Conduct

Parents and guardians play an essential role in creating a positive soccer experience. Your encouragement, sportsmanship, and partnership with our coaches help every player enjoy the game, develop confidence, and grow both on and off the field.

### Supporting your player:

- I will encourage my child to participate in Waterford Soccer Club events and games and honor their commitment to the program.
- I understand the team will win and lose and my child is playing for the enjoyment of the game and to improve their skills as soccer players.

### Creating a positive sideline:

- I (and my guests) will be a positive role model for my child and encourage fair play by demonstrating respect, courtesy, and positive support for all players, coaches, officials and spectators at every game, practice or other event.
- I am responsible for the conduct of any guests I bring to my child's game, practice or other event and will ensure that they adhere to the rules and guidelines set forth in this Code.
- I will maintain control of my emotions and avoid actions, language, and/or gestures that may be interpreted as vulgar, hostile, abusive and/or humiliating.
- I understand that drugs and alcohol have no place in youth sports and I will refrain from their use at all WSC events.

### Respect for the game:

- I will respect the officials and their authority during games and will never question, discuss, or confront officials at the game field.
- I will respect the coaches and their authority during games and training sessions and will never question, discuss or confront coaches at the game field. Instead, if necessary I will arrange with the coach(es) an appropriate time and place to speak.
- I will require that my child treat all players, coaches, officials and spectators with respect.

### Player Safety:

- I understand that it is solely my parental/guardian responsibility to ensure that my child safely arrives and departs practices and/or games.

*I agree to the above code of conduct and affirm that I will abide by each item. I also agree that my failure to abide by any of these items within the code will make me subject to possible disciplinary action, which may include, and is not limited to:*

- Verbal warning by official, head coach, and/or WSC Official or Board Member
- Written warning
- Parental/Guardian game(s) suspension with written documentation of incident kept on file by WSC
- Parental/Guardian season suspension
- Removal of parent/guardian and child from all future club activities.

## Player Code of Conduct

We encourage parents and guardians to discuss the following player code of conduct with their child. Every player plays an important role in creating a positive team environment. Being a great teammate means showing respect, giving your best effort, and helping others enjoy the game.

### Commitment:

- I will show commitment to my team(s) and the program by attending practices and games.

### Respect:

- I will show responsibility, respect and integrity at all times and engage in fair play.
- I will respect my coaches, teammates, parents, opponents, and referees.

### Effort and Development:

- I will always try my best and work hard to improve my soccer skills.
- I understand my team will win and lose but I am playing for the enjoyment of the game and to improve my skills as a soccer player

### Teamwork:

- I will be a team player, get along with and cooperate with my coaches and teammates.

### Learning the game:

- I will learn and follow the rules and the laws of the game of soccer.

*I agree that my failure to abide by any of these items within the code will make me subject to possible disciplinary action, which may include, and is not limited to:*

- Verbal warning by Head coach, Assistant Coach, Parent Volunteer, or WSC Official or Board Member
- Parent/Guardian and Player discussion with the Head coach.
- Meeting with the Director of Coaching, WSC President, Head coach and parent/guardian.
- Game(s) suspension with written documentation of incident kept on file by WSC
- Removal from club practices, games and activities in the future.

## Coaches' Code of Conduct

Coaches play an important role in shaping every player's experience. At Waterford Soccer Club, we believe player development, enjoyment, and sportsmanship come before the scoreboard.

Every coach is expected to lead with integrity, respect, and positive encouragement.

### Player Development:

- I understand that my team will win and lose and I am coaching for the enjoyment of the game and to improve the skills of soccer players. With that in mind, I will commit to ensure as close to 50% playing time as reasonably achievable for all players.
- I will teach each player, especially through personal example, to be humble and generous in victory and courteous in defeat.

### Leadership & Sportsmanship:

- I will be a positive role model for my team and encourage fair play by demonstrating respect, courtesy and positive support for all players, coaches, officials and spectators at every game, practice or other club event.
- I will maintain control of my emotions and avoid actions, language, and/or gestures that may be interpreted as vulgar, hostile, abusive and/or humiliating.
- I will require that my team treat all players, coaches, officials and spectators with respect.

### Respect for the Game:

- I will demonstrate respect for the game officials at all times and refrain from challenging their authority.
- I will ensure that fans of my team exhibit appropriate conduct and maturity at all times, and I will assist game officials in maintaining control of spectators during games.

### Player Safety & Welfare:

- I will demand a sports environment that is free from drugs and alcohol and I will refrain from their use at all WSC sporting events.
- I understand that I have an on-going responsibility while serving as a coach, assistant coach or volunteer to disclose and report any observed or suspected abuse, harassment, or incident impacting the welfare of any youth participant and agree to comply with all SafeSport regulations.

*I agree to the above code of conduct, affirm that I will abide by each item, and acknowledge that coaching in our program, although voluntary, is a privilege and not a right. I also agree that my failure to abide by any of these items within the code will make me subject to possible disciplinary action, which may include, and is not limited to:*

- Verbal warning by WSC official or Board Member
- Written warning
- Game(s) suspension with written documentation of incident kept on file by WSC
- Season suspension
- Removal of coach from all club activities in the future