Code of Conduct

Standards for players, parents, spectators, coaches, referees, and staff

CSA aims to provide organized, safe, and respectful athletic programs. These expectations apply to players, parents/guardians, spectators, coaches, referees, volunteers, and all other attendees at CSA events.

1 | Players - compete safely and respectfully

- Play by the rules, listen to officials, and respect teammates and opponents.
- No bullying, teasing, threats, fighting, taunting, retaliation, or intentional rough play.
- No pushing, grabbing, striking, or other unnecessarily aggressive contact outside the sport's permitted rules. Safety comes before winning.
- Use appropriate language, equipment, uniforms, and any safety/head-covering requirements in the sport-specific rulebook.
- Tell a coach, official, or guardian if someone is hurt, being mistreated, or feels unsafe.

2 | Parents, guardians, and spectators

- Encourage effort, improvement, good sportsmanship, and respect for all players.
- Do not confront, insult, threaten, or interfere with coaches, referees, other players, or families.
- Remain in designated spectator areas; do not enter the court or field unless instructed by CSA personnel.
- Raise questions or concerns respectfully through CSA leadership rather than arguing during active play.
- Supervise any nonparticipating children you bring to the facility. Follow facility rules.

3 | Coaches, referees, and league personnel

- Model respectful conduct, apply rules fairly, and place participants' safety ahead of competition.
- Intervene promptly when play becomes dangerous or a child is being targeted or mistreated.
- Never use physical punishment, humiliation, threats, discriminatory harassment, or inappropriate contact.
- Follow CSA's Abuse Prevention and One-on-One Interaction policies, and report suspected abuse or unsafe conduct promptly.
- Follow applicable Ohio concussion and sudden-cardiac-arrest training and return-to-play requirements.

4 | Aggressive play and officiating

Referees may issue warnings, technical fouls, penalties, removal from the game, or ejection for overly aggressive or unsportsmanlike behavior, as appropriate to the sport. Intentional or dangerous contact may warrant immediate removal without a prior warning. Referees make in-game judgment calls; CSA leadership handles further league discipline.

5 | Violations and consequences

Depending on severity, frequency, and circumstances, CSA may issue a warning, require a parent or participant meeting, restrict sideline access, impose a game suspension, remove someone from a facility, or prohibit future participation. Severe conduct - including violence, harassment, suspected abuse, or threats - may result in immediate removal and referral to authorities. Refunds, if any, are governed by CSA's posted registration/refund terms. CSA will consider the age and development of children when responding to misconduct.

6 | Reporting concerns

Report routine sportsmanship or safety concerns to CSA leadership using the league's published contact information. For immediate danger, call 911. Suspected child abuse must be handled under CSA's Abuse Prevention Policy and reported to appropriate authorities when required; do not rely solely on an internal complaint.

Participation in, or attendance at, a CSA event means complying with these standards. Parents/guardians are asked to review these expectations with their children before each season.