

# Code of Conduct



## For Parents and Coaches

Parents, players, coaches and fans represent the Germantown Legends Soccer Club when our teams play. The actions of one of us affect the image of all of us.

This Code of Conduct encourages us to work together, to play with good sportsmanship, and to treat players, coaches, referees and parents with respect. It also identifies the possible consequences we will encounter when we can't behave in an appropriate manner.

## Treat Referees with Respect

There are no circumstances in which a parent or coach should confront a referee during or after a game. Do not verbally harass a referee. If you must disagree with a call, do so quickly, calmly and let it go.

Coaches will be held responsible for ensuring that parents comply with this portion of the code of conduct. A coach who, in the opinion of the referee director, age group commissioner, coaching director, or board member, fails to control unruly parents will be subject to suspension.

## Treat Your Team with Respect

Ensure your child and all his/her equipment gets to games and practices on time.

Pick up your child promptly at the end of games or practices; don't make the coaches wait for you.

Disagreements with the coach do not belong on the public soccer field before, during or after a game or practice. Questions and comments should be voiced later in an adult atmosphere.

## Treat Our Players and Opponents with Respect

Let the Coaches 'coach'. Coaches, not parents, are the ones we entrust to instruct our players. Parent criticism of (or "constructive help" for) other players is usually not well received by the player, coach or the player's parents.

Whenever possible, please sit or stand across the field from the Coaches and Players. No coaching from the end lines, even if your child is the Goalkeeper.

Whether you win or lose, do so with class.

Never yell at or criticize a player on the opposing team. Think how incensed you become when another parent or coach, especially one from the opposing team, yells at your child.

Avoid confrontations or shouting matches with the coaches, parents, or fans of an opposing team. An effective response is to move to a part of the field where you cannot hear them.

Constant yelling is very irritating to the people around you (even if you think your comments are positive).

No alcohol, drugs, profanity or fighting are ever permitted at soccer games or practice.

## Treat Fields with Respect

Fields cost a lot of money to build and maintain. Whenever you do something that damages the field, someone has to pay to fix it.

Goals, nets, benches, fences, and corner flags are expensive. Don't abuse them. Don't climb on the goals or nets. Don't move the corner flags.

