

# WCSSF Code of Conduct for Team Officials

The WCSSF is an interclub competitive league designed to provide the Select Soccer Player (9U-19U/High School) a competitive experience, while focusing on equitable fair play and good sportsmanship while providing a venue for the players to have fun. To this end, the WCSSF believes that the following standards for our Team Officials (coach, assistant coach, team manager, etc) are essential to our goals.

The WCSSF will not tolerate behavior which brings the WCSSF, your club, team, or game into disrepute. The WCSSF has high standards for the conduct of its Team Officials. They must be the standard bearers of good sportsmanship, conduct and ethical behavior at all times. The WCSSF believes that Team Officials must set and maintain an example for all players and spectators to follow:

- The spirit of the game and its laws are non-negotiable. Team Officials need to work hard to create success for the development of players and the team by following the rules and their intent.
- Respect towards game officials, opponents, and players are absolutely required. Team Officials must expect to be treated with respect, honor, and dignity and must demonstrate the same at all times.
- The conduct of the players is a reflection of the Team Officials. The Team Officials are expected to uphold high standards of sportsmanship for all players at all times and remember that the reputation of the organization and town is formed by the behavior of all its representatives.
- The use of profane language of any type is not allowed by players, spectators, Team Officials or staff.
- Abuse of any kind is not permitted within our organization. This means we do not tolerate physical, sexual, emotional or verbal abuse or misconduct from our players, Team Officials, referee officials, volunteers, parents or spectators.
- Physical and sexual abuse, including, but not limited to, striking, hitting, kicking, biting, indecent or wanton gesturing, lewd remarks, indecent exposure, unwanted physical contact, any form of sexual contact or inappropriate touching, are strictly prohibited within our organization.
- Emotional abuse or verbal abuse is also prohibited. These include, but are not limited to such forms of abuse as profanity, yelling, insulting, threatening, mocking, demeaning behavior, or making abusive statements in regard to a person's race, gender, religion, nationality, ethnicity, sex or age.

Team Officials who fail to abide by these expectations will face disciplinary action by game officials and any Board member of the WCSSF. ***(NOTE: If the referee dismisses a team official from a game either verbally or with a red card, that team official has an automatic two-game suspension. The two-game suspension begins with the very next game. During the suspension, the WCSSF will evaluate the dismissal to see if additional disciplinary action is warranted. If the team official is rostered or helps on two teams, the team official is not allowed to attend any game within the WCSSF from either team until the two-game suspension from the one team is complete.)***

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Signature

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Date

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Printed Name

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Current Club & Team/Teams

**Beginning in the Spring 2015 season, Team Officials will only need to sign this form once, and it will be binding for future seasons within the WCSSF. However, a new form will be required if the Team Officials changes to a different club or after returning following a two-seasons leave of absence.**

Please take time to read through the WCSSF Rules & Regulations as well as the WCSSF Coach's Packet before the season begins.