

Waukee Soccer Club/Vision Soccer Academy Sportsmanship, Ethics and Harassment Policy

- ❖ The Waukee Soccer Club (WSC) and Vision Soccer Academy (VSA) has always encouraged good sportsmanship and ethical behavior in its program. WSC and VSA feel that good sportsmanship doesn't just happen. It needs to be taught, encouraged and demonstrated. WSC and VSA believe that if players, coaches, officials and spectators understand what is expected of them when it comes to sportsmanship, they will generally act accordingly. It is with this positive philosophy that WSC developed and both WSC and VSA adopted the following policy.
- ❖ The club also realizes that there needs to be consequences for unsporting or unethical behavior. Most of the time this can be handled at the team level, but there may be times when the club needs to take action. To this end the WSC Disciplinary Committee has been established to handle these unfortunate incidents.
- ❖ The following policy includes a simple code of conduct for each group involved in club activities – coaches, players, parents/spectators and officials (referees). The policy also includes the WSC's harassment policy and procedures for addressing violations of the policy.

Code of Conduct – Players

Remember to play soccer for the fun of it!

- ❖ Respect your coaches. This means listening to them during both practices and games. I also means to be present and on time for games and practices.
- ❖ Respect your teammates. Offer them positive support in both games and practices.
- ❖ Respect players on other teams, both those of your opponents and those on other Waukee teams. Behavior that is not appropriate at school is also not appropriate at soccer events. Harassment, either physically or verbally is not acceptable and will not be tolerated. (For further details see the WSC Harassment policy)
- ❖ Know and obey the rules of soccer. A win obtained by cheating is not a worthwhile victory.
- ❖ Control your temper at all times. Never retaliate if you feel you have been wronged. Never argue with calls of the referee.
- ❖ Accept the results of a game. Do not look for excuses when you lose. When you win, be gracious towards the other team.
- ❖ Respect the equipment and playing fields at WSC/VSA and at visiting facilities. A great deal of hard work and money has gone into providing you with quality facilities.
- ❖ Using tobacco products, illegal drugs or alcohol or being under the influence of these substances while representing the Waukee Soccer Club and/or Vision Soccer Academy will not be tolerated.
- ❖ As you continue to play soccer, remember that a lot of people put in a lot of effort so that you could enjoy the game of soccer. Please help give something back to WSC and VSA by assisting the younger players at their clinics, maintaining the complex and fields, or by becoming a certified referee.

I understand these responsibilities and will abide by them.

Signature _____

Print name of player _____

Date _____

Code of Conduct – Parents

Remember that soccer is a GAME!

- ❖ Your children are playing soccer to have fun, learn the game and learn teamwork. If your child's team wins, that is only an added bonus. Remember to show appreciation for your child's effort regardless of the outcome of the game.
- ❖ Let your behavior on the sideline set an example for your child. Recognize good plays by both your child's team and by their opponent.
- ❖ Learn the rules of the game.
- ❖ Respect the referees. Do not question their calls or their honesty.
- ❖ Do not coach your child from the sideline. Never criticize or ridicule their play during a game. If you cannot yell something positive it is best to keep silent.
- ❖ Accept the outcome of the game. Help your child be gracious in victory and accepting in defeat. Do not look for excuses when your child's team loses.
- ❖ Support your child's coaches. This includes ensuring that your child is on time for practices and games. Any problems or concerns with the coaching staff should be addressed in a private setting, not during a game.
- ❖ Respect the soccer board members and other volunteers. They put in long hours and only have the best interest of the children in mind.
- ❖ The use of alcohol or tobacco products at games or practices is not permitted.

Signature _____

Print Name of Parent _____

Date _____

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Note: Harassment forms are available from WSC and/or VSA board members, from your coach or at waukeesoccerclub.com and visionsocceracademy.com.