



# Overland Park Soccer Club Coaches Code of Ethics

The purpose of this document is to ensure that coaches of youth participants involved in the Overland Park Soccer Club program are made aware of and are participants of the club's zero tolerance to violence or abuse involving coaches, parents and fans. Each coach must sign this code of ethics. The Overland Park Soccer Club will not tolerate hostile and or disruptive outbursts by coaches, parents or fans. Failure to observe the code of ethics could result in forfeiture of your team's continued participation in the league.

I hereby pledge to provide positive support, care, and encouragement for my players participating in the Overland Park Soccer Club by following this Code of Ethics:

- I. I shall never place the value of winning above the value of instilling the highest desirable ideals of character.
- II. I, as the coach, must always consider the personal safety of athletes.
- III. I will have my team on the field ready to play every game. The players will have on shin guards with soccer socks covering them, shorts or pants, shirts tucked in, no hats and no jewelry. I understand that there is a penalty of \$50 for refusing to play a team or for not showing up to play. The fine must be paid before the next scheduled game.
- IV. I shall be thoroughly acquainted with the rules and regulations of competition, and shall be responsible for their interpretation to team members. I shall not try to seek an advantage by circumventing the spirit or letter of the rules.
- V. Game officials shall have the respect and support of myself as a coach. I shall not indulge in conduct which will incite the players or spectators against the officials. Public criticism of the officials or players is unethical.
- VI. I shall respect my opponents, display gracious behavior during competition and require my players to conduct themselves in similar fashion. Before and after the game, I shall meet and exchange friendly greetings to set the correct tone for the game.
- VII. I shall actively use my influence to enhance sportsmanship by my parents and fans.
- VIII. I shall be responsible for controlling the teams sidelines behavior before and during the game.

I understand that failing to abide by the Coaches Code of Ethics will result in suspension and/or expulsion from the Overland Park Soccer Club. I also understand that the OPSC Board makes those decisions and that their decisions are final.

Coach's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Club Official's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_