



## Spectators' Code of Conduct

- The highest potential of sports is achieved when competition reflects these “six pillars of character”, and are essential elements of character-building and ethics in sports:
  - Trustworthiness
  - Respect
  - Responsibility
  - Fairness
  - Caring, and
  - Good citizenship.
  
- I commit to the following:
  - I will remember that children participate to have fun and that the game is, primarily, for them.
  - I will inform the coach of any disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others.
  - I will learn the rules of the game and the policies of the league.
  - I (and my guests) will be a positive role model for my child and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, officials, and spectators at every game, practice, or other team or league event.
  - I (and my guests) will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player, or parent such as booing or taunting; refusing to shake hands; or using profane language or gestures.
  - I will not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health or well being of the athletes.
  - I will teach my child to play by the rules.
  - I will teach my child that doing one's best is more important than the outcome of the game.
  - I will encourage my child to compete fairly.
  - I will never ridicule or yell at my child or other participant for making mistakes.
  - I will emphasize skill development and practices and how they benefit my child.
  - I will respect the officials and their authority during games and will never question, discuss or confront coaches or referees at the game field.
  - I will speak with my team coach at an agreed upon time and place to discuss any concerns I might have.
  - I will refrain from coaching my child or other players during games and practices, unless I am a designated coach or an assistant for that team.
  - I will notify the coaching staff if a player is going to miss a game or a practice.



- With Regards to Foul Language:
  - I am aware that Prairie Soccer Club has a zero tolerance policy for the use of foul language on the field or around any players, coaches, parents, or opposing teams and their players, coaches, or parents. Foul language is interpreted as being verbal or non-verbal gestures which could be interpreted as bad language, strong language, coarse language, foul language, bad words, vulgar language, lewd language, swearing, cursing, cussing, or using expletives.
  - I am aware that all reported cases will be investigated fully and if a coach, player, or parent is found to be guilty they will be removed from the roster (in the case of players or coaches) or no longer allowed to sit on the sidelines at games.
  - I am aware that no refunds will be provided to parties found guilty of violating said policy.
  
- With Regard to Referee Treatment:
  - I am aware that Prairie Soccer Club has a zero tolerance policy for disrespectful treatment of referees. This includes, but is not limited to, audible comments regarding calls from the sidelines, arguing with sideline Assistant Referees, or approaching any of the referees before, during, or after games.
  - Any arguing with, or approaching youth referees (under age 18), may result in immediate expulsion from the event by any coach or designated field marshal
  - Concerns regarding officiating need to be in writing and submitted through a rostered coach using the interactive Referee Feedback Form on the top of the banner on the TCYSA website: <http://www.thurstoncountysoccer.com/home>
  
- With Regard to Abusive Language:
  - I am aware that Prairie Soccer Club has a zero tolerance policy for the use of abusive language on the field or around any players, coaches, parents, or opposing teams and their players, coaches, or parents. Abusive language is any communication, both verbal and non-verbal which has the intent of demeaning, humiliating, or in any way attacking a person's ability, gender, age, race, culture, or any other identifying characteristic.
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- With Regard to Bullying or Intimidation:
  - I am aware that Prairie Soccer Club has a zero tolerance policy for bullying, or perceived bullying in the form of physical or verbal harassment which usually involves an imbalance of power. Bullying behavior can include teasing, insulting



- someone (particularly about their weight or height, race, sexuality, religion or other personal traits), shoving, hitting, excluding someone, or gossiping about someone.
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- With Regard to Social Media:
    - I am aware that any comments posted on Social Media regarding players, coaches, parents, or any member of Prairie Soccer Club may be seen by a broad audience, including persons identified in the post. Negative comments will be address in the same fashion as bullying or intimidation.
    - I am aware that I may not post photos of soccer participants that are not my own immediate family without expressed consent.

*I understand that any violation of these codes may result in disciplinary action against violating player, coach, or spectator, to include warning or ejection card*