



CODE OF ETHICS AND SPORTSMANSHIP

It is the objective of the DRSA, supported by team coaches and officials to provide a safe and fair learning environment for U8 and U9 players to participate in, enjoy and enhance their skills.

THE DRSA ARE STRONG SUPPORTERS OF AND HAVE ADOPTED THE “ZERO TOLERANCE” POLICY OF THE OSA.

- A) Team coaches and officials shall conduct themselves at all times in a proper manner so as to not bring the game into disrepute. High standards of personal conduct and fair play shall be maintained at all times.
- B) Team coaches and officials shall be responsible to abide by the playing rules as set out by all governing bodies.
- C) Communicate with players, parents/guardians to ensure all understand, support and abide by the playing rules and codes of acceptable conduct.
- D) Communicate with players, parents/guardians the Long Term Development Plan (LTPD) of their club, DRSA and the OSA and to ensure all understand and support the purpose behind the competitive structure implementations in Durham.
- E) Decisions of game officials will be accepted absolutely by players and team coaches/officials. We must all do our part in the long term development of referees.
- F) Game officials are not to be verbally and/or physically abused in any manner whatsoever by coaches, players, parents/guardians and /or team’s supporters.
- G) Abusive or foul language by coaches, players, parents/guardians or spectators will not be tolerated.
- H) Violent conduct will not be tolerated.
- I) Team coaches and officials will place player safety and welfare at the top of their list. Team coaches are aware of the hazards of soccer goals if not anchored correctly and will use good judgment at all times in the interest of player safety.
- J) Using, possessing, or being under the influence of alcohol/illegal drugs, smoking in the presence of players is prohibited.
- K) Team coaches and officials must treat children of all races, sexes, religions, and cultures equally.
- L) The team head coach is responsible for ensuring that the above rules are understood and abided by supporting coaching staff, managers, players and parents/guardians.

Team coaches or officials are expected to inform the DRSA of breaches of this Code of Conduct and Sportsmanship.

I acknowledge that I have read the above Code of Conduct and Sportsmanship and will respect and abide by its rules. I understand that any breach in these rules will result in disciplinary action through the DRSA and/or OSA as per the DRSA Playing Rules.

Team Head Coach – Printed

Team Head Coach - Signature