

## TRI-CITIES YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION “CODE OF CONDUCT”

Tri-Cities Youth Soccer Association endorses and supports a safe, fun, and educational experience for all participants. Players, coaches and spectators have the responsibility to conduct themselves in a manner that supports this goal. Tri-Cities Youth Soccer Association has a “**Zero Tolerance**” policy with respect to poor sportsmanship for players, coaches, parents, and spectators.

By resolution of the Tri-Cities Youth Soccer Association Board of Directors, each coach, player, and player parents shall agree to adhere to the Code of Conduct herein as a prerequisite to participation in this soccer program. All directors, coaches, and officials are charged with and instructed to carry out the enforcement of this Code of Conduct.

### Players Code

- I will play for fun, work to improve my skills, be a team player, and get along with my teammates.
- I will always be a good sport.
- I will respect coaches, teammates, parents, opponents, and officials.
- I will not dispute or argue an official’s decision.
- I will not use obscene, abusive, or vulgar language in any manner toward anyone, at any time, before, during, or after the game.
- Player safety is our first priority. If a player on a team goes down with an injury, it is a show of good sportsmanship for the team in possession of the ball to kick the ball out of bounds intentionally to stop play so that the injured player may be attended. On the re-start of play, the team in possession should intentionally play the ball to a player on the opposing team.

### Coaches and Parent’s Code

- I will display good sportsmanship and always respect players, coaches, officials, and other parents.
- I will act appropriately at all times and will provide positive encouragement in my comments for all players on both teams.
- I will be supportive after the game, win or lose, and I will recognize good effort, teamwork, and sportsmanship.
- I will not use obscene, abusive, or vulgar language in any manner toward anyone, at any time, before, during, or after the game.
- I will not address the referee or referees at any time, for any reason.  
I will show respect to the volunteers of the Association at all times and conduct myself appropriately
- Players and their families have a right to enjoy a well organized and well run soccer league. The behavior of all participants (coaches, referees, players and spectators) is critical to achieving this goal. All participants are required to show sportsmanship towards others. The associations reserve the right to take action against coaches and other participants for abuse of the sportsmanship requirement, even in situations where the referee has not officially cautioned or ejected an individual.
- It is the coach’s responsibility to control their players, parents, and sideline.
- The use of noisemakers, cow bells, horns or other such devices at fields is prohibited.

**Penalty:** Any violation of this “**Code of Conduct**” can result in ejection during the game or a “post game” caution. An ejection recipient must immediately leave the game field complex. The Tri-Cities Youth Soccer Association Executive Board of Directors will review all ejection violations. An ejection requires a minimum of a one game suspension and can result in a mandatory meeting with the committee and up to a permanent suspension from Tri-Cities Youth Soccer participation of the parent(s), player(s), or both.