

# Northampton Soccer Club

*Dedicated to youth soccer development since 1991*



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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Northampton Soccer Club strives to provide a positive environment for our players, coaches, parents and any visiting team. We expect that every participant in our program should be able to enjoy the sport, free of vulgar or abusive language, drugs, or alcohol and criticism of coaches, players or officials.

Please remember our coaches are volunteers giving personal time and providing a service to your children and our community. If you have a conflict or question regarding a coach, parent or player, please bring it to the attention of the Northampton Soccer Board via e-mail to Helen Kahn at [president@northamptonsoccer.org](mailto:president@northamptonsoccer.org).

- Inform the coach of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of your child or the safety of others.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every player, coach or official, regardless of their gender, race, cultural background, religion, age, or ability.
- Respect the decisions of game officials and encourage your child to do the same. Regardless of whether you agree with an official's decision, NEVER openly criticize or question the referee's judgment call.
- Never question, discuss, or confront coaches at the game field. Speak with coaches at an agreed upon time and place. Advise any guest attending the game with you or for your child to do the same. If you have a question or concern regarding an official, speak to the coach after the game or at a practice. You (and your guests) will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player, or parent such as booing and taunting; refusing to shake hands; or using profane language or gestures.
- Never ridicule, scold or shout at any player, coach or official for an error or loss of a game. Applaud a good performance and efforts from all individuals and teams. Congratulate all participants on their performance regardless of the game's outcome. Positive comments are motivational, negative ones are not. Encourage your child and advise your guest to do the same.
- DO NOT use profanity or abusive language in the playing area before during or after a practice or game. Support our alcohol, drug and smoke free environments at games and practices.
- Do not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and well-being of the players, coaches, fellow spectators or officials. Advise your guest to do the same. Enjoy the game on the sidelines.
- Remain in the spectator area at all times. Do not go onto the field or player side of the field, unless advised or permitted to do so by a game official. Let the player's play, the coach instruct and the official officiate.
- Please do not coach your child from the sideline. Recognize that they are to be instructed by their team coach. Advise your guests to do the same.

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Parents and guardians will be held responsible for the actions of their guests.

By registering your child to participate in NSC's youth soccer program, you are agreeing that if you or your guest fail to abide by the aforementioned code of conduct, the parent/guardian will be subject to disciplinary action that could include, but is not limited to the following:

- Verbal warning by official, head coach, and/or board of NSC with written documentation of incident kept on file by NSC
- Written warning by NSC Board which may include suspension from attendance at games or practices with written documentation of incident kept on file by NSC
- Game forfeit through the official or coach
- Suspension from one or more NSC sponsored events
- Removal of your player from the team and or expulsion from NSC

BY AGREEING TO THE TERMS OF REGISTRATION YOU AGREE TO ABIDE BY THE CODE OF CONDUCT OR BE SUBJECT TO THE ANY OF ALL OF THE AFOREMENTIONED DISCIPLINARY MEASURES.

Kind Regards,

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