



## **Code of Conduct for Players, Parents, and Coaches**

### **Players**

1. I will encourage good sportsmanship from fellow players, coaches, officials and parents at all times.
2. I will remember that soccer is an opportunity to learn and have fun.
3. I deserve to play in an environment that is free of drugs, tobacco, and alcohol; and expect everyone to refrain from their use at all soccer games.
4. I will do the best I can each day, remembering that all players have talents and weaknesses the same as I do.
5. I will treat my coaches, other players and coaches, game officials, other administrators, and fans with respect at all times; regardless of race, sex, creed, or abilities, and I will expect to be treated accordingly.
6. I will concentrate on playing soccer. Always giving my best effort.
7. I will play by the rules at all times.
8. I will at all times control my temper and resist the temptation to retaliate.
9. I will always exercise self-control.
10. My conduct with other players, spectators and all officials of the game shall be in accordance with appropriate behavior, and in accordance with FIFA's Laws of the Game, and in adherence to St. Mary's Soccer By-Laws.

### **Parents/Guardians**

1. I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, game officials, and administrators at all times.
2. I will place the emotional and physical well-being of all players ahead of any personal desire to win.
3. I will support the coaches, officials, and administrators working with my child, in order to encourage a positive and enjoyable experience for all.
4. I will remember that the game is for the players, not for the adults.
5. I will ask my child to treat other players, coaches, game officials, administrators, and fans with respect.
6. I will always be positive.
7. I will always allow the coach(es) to be the only coach.
8. I will not get into arguments with the opposing team's parents, players, or coaches.
9. I will not come onto the field for any reason during the game and will enjoy the game only from the spectator side of the field.
10. I will not criticize game officials.



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### **Coaches/Volunteers**

1. I will never place the value of winning before the safety and welfare of all players.
2. I will always show respect for players, other coaches, and game officials.
3. I will lead by example, demonstrating fair play and sportsmanship at all times.
4. I will be knowledgeable of the laws of the game, and teach these rules to my players.
5. I will never use abusive or insulting language. I will treat everyone with dignity.
6. I will not tolerate inappropriate behavior, regardless of the situation.
7. I will not allow the use of anabolic agents or stimulants, drugs, tobacco, or alcohol by any of my players.
8. Youth have a greater need for example than criticism. I will be the primary soccer role model.
9. I will at all times conduct myself in a positive manner.
10. Coaching is motivating players to produce their best effort, inspiring players to learn, and encouraging players to hold their heads high win or lose.
11. Coach's actions on sidelines during games shall be in the spirit of "good sportsmanship" at all times. Profanity, profane gestures, arguing, inciting disruptive behavior by spectators and/or players, or any conduct not in the spirit of good sportsmanship, shall require disciplinary action from St. Mary's Soccer.
12. I will complete the Background Check on an annual basis, or as required by St. Mary's County Recreation and Parks.