

The Codes of Conduct apply at all soccer facilities, practice areas, and to away games where the coach, team, and parents are representing the St. Marys Soccer Association.

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## CODES OF CONDUCT

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The following Codes of Conduct are intended to codify acceptable behavior of good sportsmanship for all players and parents. They will continue to be reviewed and updated as we continue to evaluate our program. Any violation of these codes will be brought to the attention of the St. Marys Soccer Association's Policy and Administration Committee, which will issue the appropriate sanction. This sanction could include one or all of the following: 1) Reprimand 2) Probation 3) Suspension or 4) Expulsion. **Any player that is penalized in a game with a red card will be removed from that game and suspended for the following game following SAY Youth Soccer Association rules.**

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### PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT:

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I pledge to accept responsibility for my St. Marys Soccer Association experience by following this Players' code of Conduct:

1. I will exhibit sportsmanship and fair play at every training session, competition and tournament. I will also encourage this behavior from other teammates, club-mates, coaches, officials and parents and supporters.
2. I will make every reasonable effort to attend all training sessions and competitions, and I will notify my coach if I cannot attend a training session or competition.
3. I understand that playing time in games is not guaranteed and is determined by my attendance, attitude and performance at practice sessions.
4. I will treat other players, coaches, officials and fans with respect regardless of race, sex, or ability, and I will expect to be treated accordingly.
5. I desire to play in an environment that is free of drugs, including tobacco and alcohol, and will expect others to refrain from their use at all training sessions and competitions.
6. I will encourage my parents to be involved with my team in some capacity because it is important to me.
7. I understand that I am representing the St. Marys Soccer Association. Poor behavior during practices, games or tournaments may result in lost playing time and expulsion from the team.
8. I will not engage in physical or verbal confrontations with players, coaches, officials or fans before, during or after training sessions and competitions.
9. I will refrain from the use of foul or offensive language.
10. I will maintain a good appearance at all times when representing the club.
11. I will come to training sessions and competitions ready to listen, watch and learn from my coaches.
12. I will understand the rules of the game and play within them.
13. I will be gracious in victory and dignified in defeat.

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#### Player

I \_\_\_\_\_ (print name) have read and agree to follow the Code of Conduct set forth by this document.

\_\_\_\_\_ signature \_\_\_\_\_ date

## PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT:

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I recognize and accept my responsibility as a representative of the St. Marys Soccer Association and my child's team and pledge to follow this Parent's Code of Conduct:

1. I will **NOT** be a sideline coach or referee. I will limit my comments to positive reinforcement and encouragement to my child and his/her teammates.
2. I will lead by example in exhibiting sportsmanship and fair play at every training session, competition and tournament. I will encourage this behavior from other coaches, players, officials and parents and supporters.
3. I will place the emotional and physical well-being of my child ahead of a personal desire to win. Winning should be the result of preparation, hard work and discipline.
4. If my child develops a behavior-related problem that repeatedly disrupts practices and/or games, I promise to work with my child's coach to resolve that problem.
5. I will not sit or stand on the coaches' and players' sideline during a match, unless invited by the coach.
6. I will demand a soccer environment for my child that is free of drugs, including tobacco and alcohol, and will refrain from their use at all practices and games.
7. I will do my very best to make soccer fun for my child and his/her teammates.
8. I promise to treat other fans, coaches, players, and officials with respect, regardless of race, sex, or ability.
9. I will treat teammates, opponents, coaches, officials and fans with respect regardless of race, sex, or ability, and I will expect to be treated the same in return.
10. I will not engage in physical or verbal confrontations with players, coaches, officials or fans before, during or after training sessions and competitions.
11. I will refrain from the use of foul or offensive language.
12. I will provide encouragement to my child and his/her teammates. I will refrain from making negative comments to my child or his/her teammates.
13. I will support the coaches and officials working with my son in order to encourage a positive and enjoyable experience for all.
14. I will be gracious in victory and dignified in defeat.
15. I will remember that the game is for my child and their teammates, not for adults.
16. I will remember that as a fan, I represent the St. Marys Soccer Association. I understand that any concerns about officiating and/or coaching during a game must be directed to the team manager or field marshal. I also understand that poor behavior during practices, games or tournaments may result in expulsion from the soccer complex, where I must wait inside or next to my car in the parking area for my child. If this occurs, it may result in expulsion from the club.

## PARENT PLEDGE & CODE OF CONDUCT

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**We, the proud parents of \_\_\_\_\_, promise to be a model spectator at games & practices in which our son/daughter is a participant, as well as at other games/tournaments where he/she is present with us.**

**We understand that the Coaches and the other parents of the team will hold us accountable for our actions and behavior.**

**Parent(s) /Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Date: \_\_\_\_\_**