

# Sportsmanship Policy

## WUSC Sportsmanship Committee

The sportsmanship committee has been formed by the WUSC Board to help address issues that come up during the season. If there are clear violations of our policies, please let our committee know by contacting either [Steve Kogon](#) (President of the WUSC) or [Gary Todd](#)

## WUSC Sportsmanship Policies

***"Officials call the game. Coaches coach the game. Players play the game."***

All participants in the WUSC program shall adhere to the following principals of good sportsmanship:

- Respect the decision of coaches and officials.
- No expletives, disparaging comments or derogatory remarks.
- Treat opponents with respect.
- Whatever the outcome of the game is be respectful. At the conclusion of the game, congratulate and shake hands with officials, coaches and opponents.
- Do not encourage or participate in conduct that violates the rules or spirit of the game.

## The Coach

Coaches are role models for youth and will make an impression of the players for years to come. Coaches must demonstrate good sportsmanship on and off the field. "Coach" represents and symbolizes a leadership role in the community and a representative of WUSC. Coaches are expected to:

- Insure and promote safety of the participants.
- Control the behavior of the parents/fans during.
- Show respect to all players, parents, officials, and opponents.
- Teach fair play.
- Lead by example.
- Know the rules of the game.
- Adhere to Boston Area Youth Soccer (BAYS) zero tolerance policy.

## **The Player**

It is a privilege to play on a team and to be a part of WUSC. Therefore, players must follow the WUSC rules during all WUSC activities including practices, games, tournaments and other organized WUSC activities. In order to remain a player in good standing the player will follow the following rules and guidelines:

- Treat opponents, officials and spectators with respect.
- Adhere to the WUSC/BAYS rules and policies.
- Show good sportsmanship before, during and after training and games.
- Respect officials and accept their decisions.
- Win without boasting, lose without excuses.
- Encourage parents and spectators to show respect and good sportsmanship.

## **The Spectators**

WUSC is honored to have incredible and supportive parents and spectators. It is important to remember that the players respond to the actions and behaviors of the spectators. Spectators are expected to demonstrate good sportsmanship and show respect to all of the players and officials by adhering to the following:

- Do not coach players from the sidelines during the game.
- Do not criticize the officials or coaches.
- Cheer and support all players regardless of the outcome.
- Communicate with the coach and create a supportive relationship.
- Understand and respect the different roles of parents and coaches.
- Understand that improper behavior at an event may result in a parent being asked to leave field or event by a referee or other official and respect that action.
- At all times show empathy for the young developing soccer player.
- Adhere to Boston Area Youth Soccer (BAYS) zero tolerance policy.

## **The Official**

Officials are responsible for conducting the game through enforcement of the rules of the game. As such, they need to insure that they consistently interpret actions on the field and fairly apply the enforcement of the laws. Officials are expected to:

- Know the rules and understand the game.
- Place safety of the players above all other considerations.
- Treat players and coaches courteously and demand the same from them.
- Work cooperatively with fellow referees and linesmen.
- Be fair, firm and consistent in all decisions on the field.
- Maintain confidence, poise and self-control from start to finish of the game.

## **Everyone**

WUSC provides an enjoyable learning environment for the physical,

social and personal development of youngsters. The values of youth sports programs include:

- Promoting fitness
- Developing new skills
- Instilling a desire to succeed
- Teaching responsibility and commitment
- Teaching cooperation
- Preparing one to deal with success and failure
- Providing an outlet for the release of energy
- Building character through discipline
- Teaching how to cope with the realities of life
- Instilling positive attitudes toward authority
- Providing a fun and enriching experience

The likelihood that youngsters will realize positive sports value is enhanced when everyone shows good sportsmanship.

### **BAYS Zero Tolerance Policy**

All individuals responsible for a team and all spectators shall support the referee. Failure to do so will undermine the referee's authority and has the potential of creating a hostile environment for the players, the referee, and all the other participants and spectators.

Consequently, BAYS has adopted and modified the following rules:

1. No one, except the players, is to speak to the referee during or after the game.  
Exceptions: Coaches may ask questions before the game, call for substitutions and point out emergencies during the game, or respond to the referee if addressed.
2. Absolutely no disputing calls, during or after the game, no remarks to the referee to watch certain players or attend to rough play. **NO YELLING** at the referee, **EVER**, and no criticism, sarcasm, harassment, intimidation, or feedback of any kind during or after the game.
3. Violators may be ejected and are subject to disciplinary action by the BAYS Sportsmanship Review Committee.
4. If coaches or spectators have questions regarding particular calls, rules, or a referee, or wish to give feedback regarding a referee, please contact the town soccer club referee's coordinator for the game in question, or contact the BAYS Referees Representative at <http://www.bays.org>.