

## **COLUMBUS PREMIER SOCCER LEAGUE**

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## **Code of Conduct**

The mission of the Columbus Premier Soccer League is to strive to promote, foster, and perpetuate the game of soccer in Central Ohio at the amateur level and to provide top flight competition for its members in accordance with the highest levels of sportsmanship, fair play, unity, respect, equality and acceptance throughout the soccer community.

The Columbus Premier Soccer League is committed to providing an environment in which our teams, players, referees, officials, administrators, partners, advertisers, supporters and spectators are treated with dignity and respect; and as such, the Columbus Premier League does not tolerate discrimination, bias, prejudice, abuse or harassment of any kind.

As such, and as a condition of the privilege of participating in the Columbus Premier Soccer League, whether as a player, coach, manager, administrator or fan, I agree that, during the entirety of the time that I am on the premises of any sanctioned activity of the Columbus Premier Soccer League, I will abide by the following Code of Conduct:

- I will play fairly and observe the Laws of the Game, the rules of the Columbus Premier Soccer League, as well as the highest levels of sportsmanship.
- I will respect the human rights, dignity and worth of others.
- I will be honest, considerate, professional, and accept the responsibility of my actions.
- I will refrain from, and will oppose, any and all discrimination, bias, prejudice, abuse and harassment, whether verbal, physical, emotional or sexual, of any kind including, but not limited to, racism and sexism, against any player, team manager or coach, match referee, league official, administrator or spectator.
- I will not use inappropriate language, gestures or threatening behavior, whether intentional or
  incidental, whether or not directed towards any player, team manager or coach, match
  referee, league official, administrator or spectator. I understand that inappropriate language is
  defined as obscene, profane, lewd, or vulgar speech; and includes, but is not limited to,
  cursing and swearing, and language that is denigrating in nature, content or tone or refers to
  one's gender, race, national origin, disability, sexual orientation or religion.
- I will not incite others to fight. I will not participate, and I will attempt to keep others from participating, in any altercation should one occur.
- I will demonstrate restraint and respect for the decisions of the match referees and league officials and will abide by their decisions. It is understood that match referees are not obligated to provide explanations for their decisions and I will not confront any match referee before, during or after a match.
- I will remove all trash from the team areas after the match and will leave the playing venue as clean as it was before the match.