

NNYYSL Player Code of Conduct

Purpose: To provide players with rules and expectations, in order to enhance their experience and help them achieve their potential. All players must sign a code of conduct each "soccer year" (May 1 – Aug 1) prior to participation in the Northern New York Youth Soccer League (NNYYSL). Players are expected to comply with all of the following rules and expectations each season:

- I. Demonstrate good sportsmanship. Disrespect, defiance, or violence directed at NNYYSL coaches, teammates, game officials, opposing coaches, or opposing players will not be tolerated.
- II. Avoid using foul language during practices, games, and team functions.
- III. Comply with all applicable New York State West Youth Soccer Association (NYSWYSA) and/or United States Youth Soccer Association (USYSA) rules regarding registration, rules of play, etc.
- IV. Comply with all local, state, and federal laws.
- V. Penalties for player misconduct.

1. First Red Card in a Season ****

Suspension for a minimum of one (1) game and appropriate fines as noted in the annual schedule of fines. The player must sit out all League games until they have served the suspension for the team on which the offense was recorded. Individual serving the suspension is not allowed near the field of play while serving their suspension.

2. <u>Second Red card in a Season</u>****

Suspension for a minimum of three (3) games and appropriate fines as noted in the annual schedule of fines. The player must sit out all League games until they have served the suspension for the team on which the offense was recorded. Individual serving the suspension is not allowed near the field of play while serving their suspension.

3. Third Red Card in a Season ****

Suspension for a minimum of one (1) calendar year from the date of the infraction and appropriate fines as noted in the annual schedule of fines. The player must request reinstatement from the Board for play in subsequent seasons. If specifically recommended by the game official on the game report, the Board may elect to impose a longer suspension.

4. Red Cards may <u>NOT</u> be appealed to the Board and will be mailed by the Referee Association to the team's Club President.

5. Red Card totals for the purpose of suspension from the League are based on League games.

6. A player ordered off the field of play for misconduct cannot be replaced with another player and the team must play short for the duration of the match.

7. Any coach, assistant coach, team manager or player removed from the game shall immediately leave the field and area of play. Failure to do so may result in disciplinary action by the Board.

VI. Assaulting Game Officials, Spectators, Players

1. There shall be zero tolerance of any coach, assistant, player, parent or fan verbally or physically threatening, harassing or assaulting a referee or each other before, during or after a match.

2. Individuals displaying such behavior shall be dealt with in the most severe disciplinary measures available, up to and including criminal charges if necessary.

3. USSF Official Administrative Rules and Laws of the Game shall be used in arbitrating disputes arising from assaulting game officials.

VII. **** <u>PLAYERS PLAYER PASS</u>: The Referee will send the players pass to the NNYYSL League Secretary with his game report. The Player must pick up their player pass from the League Secretary at home address once they have served their suspension (per the address on the league website). The player will not be allowed to play until they have picked up their card.

Violations of these rules may result in disciplinary actions, including but not limited to suspension or dismissal from Northern New York Youth Soccer League. Coaches may also have additional rules/expectations for their players. Coaches will be expected to communicate all changes to the above and/or all additional rules/expectations to players prior to each season. Coaches are responsible for enforcing team rules/expectations and for determining appropriate consequences for violations.

I, ______, have read the rules and expectations above and I (players name) agree to comply with them throughout the ______ soccer season.

Player Signature

Date