



Vermont Soccer Association

Player Code of Conduct



Section 1. Introduction, Purpose, and Applicability

- a) The Vermont Soccer Association Player Code of Conduct is a set of guidelines that all players who chose to participate in any Vermont Soccer Association sanctioned activity or events that include but are not limited to all leagues, tournaments, and practices hosted by our member organizations.
- b) The Player Code of Conduct is intended to supplement but not replace the US Youth Soccer Code of Conduct policy or any other agreement made between a player and a member organization.
- c) The Vermont Soccer Association will investigate all claims about infringements to the Player Code of Conduct and reserves the right to discipline any player found violating the policy.

Section 2. Prohibited Behavior

- a) Vermont Soccer maintains a zero tolerance regarding any form of physical or emotional abuse.
- b) Vermont Soccer prohibits the use and possession of illegal drugs, alcohol, tobacco, and marijuana at all sanctioned programs, activities, and events.
- c) Vermont Soccer prohibits players from engaging in bullying, harassment or hazing during any sanctioned programs, activities, and events.
- d) Players must treat teammates, coaches, parents, opponents, game officials and themselves with fairness and respect at all times.
- e) Fighting with anyone will not be tolerated.
- f) Players are prohibited from using performance enhancing or mind-altering drugs.
- g) There is a zero tolerance for referee abuse.
- h) Players are expected to know, follow, and play by the rules of soccer. Any intentional act of deceiving the game officials to gain an unfair advantage will be considered a violation of the Player Code of Conduct.
- i) Sportsmanship, fair play, and respect are expected from all Vermont Soccer Association players.

Section 3. Out of State Competition

- a) When competing out of state all players are a direct representation of Vermont Soccer. Players are expected to always treat everyone with respect both on and off the field.