



## **Code of Conduct**

The SOCAL Soccer League is committed to fostering a positive, respectful, and safe environment for all participants, including players, coaches, referees, parents, and spectators. This General Code of Conduct outlines the expectations for behavior and conduct for everyone involved in our league.

### **1. Respect for All Participants**

- Treat all players, coaches, referees, parents, and spectators with respect, regardless of race, gender, gender identity, religion, sexual orientation, or any other characteristic.
- Avoid engaging in any form of discrimination, intimidation, harassment, or bullying.
- Use positive language and avoid derogatory, offensive, or abusive remarks.

### **2. Sportsmanship and Fair Play**

- Demonstrate good sportsmanship at all times, both on and off the field.
- Play and coach with integrity, respecting the rules of the game and the decisions of referees.
- Encourage fair play and respect for opponents, win or lose.

### **3. Commitment to Safety**

- Prioritize the safety and well-being of all participants.
- Refrain from any form of physical violence, aggression, or intimidation.
- Report any unsafe conditions or behavior to league officials immediately.

### **4. Positive Support and Encouragement**

- Support all participants, particularly young athletes, with positive encouragement.
- Focus on effort and personal improvement rather than just results.
- Avoid placing undue pressure on players to perform.

### **5. Responsibility and Accountability**

- Take responsibility for your actions and understand the impact they have on others.
- Abide by the league's rules, guidelines, and policies.
- Be accountable for any misconduct, and cooperate fully with any disciplinary proceedings.

### **6. Substance-Free Environment**

- Refrain from using or being under the influence of illegal substances, alcohol, or tobacco during any league-related activities.
- Promote a healthy, substance-free environment for all participants.

### **7. Respect for Property**

- Treat all facilities, equipment, and property with care and respect.
- Avoid vandalism, destruction, or misuse of property.

- Clean up after yourself and help maintain the cleanliness of the facilities.

## **8. Positive Representation of the League**

- Represent the SOCAL Soccer League positively at all times, both within and outside of league activities.
- Uphold the values and mission of the league in all interactions.
- Support the league's efforts to create a welcoming and inclusive community for all participants.

## **9. Adherence to Decisions**

- Respect the decisions made by referees, coaches, and league officials.
- Avoid confronting or challenging referees or officials during or after games.
- Address any concerns through appropriate channels and processes as outlined by the league.

## **10. Commitment to Continuous Improvement**

- Strive to continually improve your conduct, understanding, and enjoyment of the game.
- Participate in league meetings, training, and educational opportunities when available.
- Encourage a culture of learning and growth within the league.

## **Consequences for Violations**

Violations of this General Code of Conduct may result in disciplinary action, including warnings, suspension, or expulsion from the league. All participants are expected to adhere to this code to maintain the integrity and positive environment of the SOCAL Soccer League.

## **Acknowledgment**

By participating in the SOCAL Soccer League, you agree to uphold this General Code of Conduct and contribute to a positive, respectful, and safe environment for all.