

CODES OF CONDUCT

The Weston Soccer Club expects its coaches, parents and players to exemplify the Club's values and display the highest levels of sportsmanship. Accordingly:

Coaches Code of Conduct

You are responsible for the sportsmanship of your players. If one of your players is disrespectful, irresponsible, or overly aggressive, take the player out of the game, for as long as you deem necessary.

Respect the Referee and Observe Zero Tolerance.

You are responsible for the conduct of the parents and spectators of your players. Enlist a parent to take charge on the opposite sideline if you need to.

You must explain acceptable player and spectator conduct before the season begins. Be sure to emphasize the Zero Tolerance Rule, which prohibits coaches, players, and spectators from saying ANYTHING to the referee.

You must report any yellow card received by a player, coach or parent during any game within 48 hours to your Age Director. **You must report any red card** for any player, coach or parent within 48 hours to the Age Director and the WSC's Director of Coach and Player Development.

The Weston Soccer Club Coach Code of Conduct reflects the Club's desire that coaches act first and foremost in the best interests of the character development and safety of the players in their care. Persistent or flagrant disregard for these priorities may result in a coach being suspended for a certain number of games, required to take certain coach training courses, or, in extreme cases, relieved of coaching responsibilities permanently.

Parents Code of Conduct

Cheer for Your Child's Team – Don't Coach It. "Well done", "Great try" are welcome cheers. Instructions – "shoot", "get rid of it", "pass it" – are not received as the helpful advice you intend it to be, and it may contradict what the coach is trying to teach the players. You can't see what the players see, and they need to make their own decisions. Let them play.

Respect the Referee and Observe Zero Tolerance. The rules forbid parents from addressing the referee. Good sportsmanship does too. Referees do their best, whatever mistakes they make are as much a part of the game as the mistakes our children make, they have a better view than spectators.

Make the Coach's Job Easier. Help your player understand the importance of attending and behaving well at practice. Be on time, dropping off and picking up. And communicate with the coach if/when you can't make a practice or game. Coaches plan better practices when they know who's coming. We know you're busy, but so are the coaches – they're taking the time to coach our children!

The Weston Soccer Club Parent Code of Conduct recognizes the significant benefits of parental support in youth sports while reminding all involved that the games are for the fun and development of the players and should be kept in perspective for the benefit of the players. Persistent or flagrant disregard of the Parent Code of Conduct may result in a parent being asked to leave a game, refrain from attending games, or, in extreme cases, in the suspension of the parent's child from the Soccer Club.

Players Code of Conduct

Honor your commitment to the team by coming to all practices and games unless you have a conflict that you have already told your coach about.

Appreciate your volunteer coach by behaving well, and by always being ready to listen, learn and have fun.

Respect your opponents and yourself with clean play and clean language. Always.

Respect the referee – don't complain. Enjoy playing the game and let the referee call it.

Respect and abide by the Laws of the Game – and make sure you KNOW them. Read the Laws of the Game on www.fifa.com.

Support your teammates – encourage them, don't criticize them.

The Weston Soccer Club Player Code of Conduct is simple and fair. The Club expects its players to respect and abide by the Code. Persistent or flagrant disregard for the Code may result in a player incurring reduced playing time, being suspended for a specific number of games, or, in extreme cases, being expelled from the Soccer Club.

Conduct Violation Procedures

The Club believes that the most effective method for addressing grievances and concerns, and for preventing small grievances from becoming larger grievances, is always constructive communication between the parties involved. We encourage coaches and parents to discuss issues of concern regarding adherence to the Code of Conduct; the Club's Age Director may be a helpful third party to such discussions.

The Club also recognizes that certain behaviors require more serious and formal discussion. Where violations of the Code of Conduct persist beyond discussion or are sufficiently serious, the Club encourages coaches and parents to contact the Director of Coaching. The Director will draw upon the resources of the Club as necessary (by speaking to Age Directors, head and assistant coaches, and relevant parents) to

ascertain the facts and present the matter to the Board for resolution in a timely manner.

This procedure applies specifically to violations of the Code of Conduct. Parents who have other concerns about the Soccer Club are, as always, encouraged to contact a member of the Parental Input Committee (PIC) for a confidential discussion of their concerns. PIC members are listed on the Weston Soccer Club website under Contacts.

Red & Yellow Cards – Infringement Procedures

1) First **YELLOW CARD**: If a player/coach/parent receives a yellow card during a fall/spring BAYS game, it is the responsibility of the coach of that team to notify his/her Age Director within 48-hours of such an incident. Included in this notification will be the following information – a) name of individual receiving a card, b) date & time of the incident, c) some background regarding the issuance of the card. The Age Director should alert the Director of Coach & Player Development of the incident and then issue a written warning (via e-mail or other such written correspondence) to the player/coach/spectator that received the Yellow Card to document the incident.

2) Second **YELLOW CARD**: If a player/coach/parent receives a second Yellow card at another game (or the same game) during the same BAYS season, it is the responsibility of the coach to notify both his/her Age Director as well as the Club's Director of Coach & Player Development. The Age Director will review the information with the Club's Director of Coach & Player Development and, absent extenuating circumstances, the expectation is that the issuance of a second yellow card will result in an automatic 1-game suspension of that individual. If the game is the last game of the season, the suspension will carry forward to the following season.

3) Third **YELLOW CARD**: If a third Yellow Card is issued during the same season, the player/coach/parent's infringement history will be reviewed by members of the Weston Soccer Board and could result in additional disciplinary action including a suspension for the balance of that season.

4) First **RED CARD**: If a player/coach/parent receives a Red Card during a fall/spring BAYS game, the coach will notify their respective Age Director as well as the Club's Director of Coach & Player Development within 48-hours of the incident. Included in this notification will be the following information – a) name of individual receiving a card, b) date & time of the incident, c) some background regarding the issuance of the card. Anyone receiving a red card is subject to BAYS's rules, which call for a suspension of 1 or 2 games depending on the nature of the offense. The WSC reserves the right to impose additional penalties, including further suspension, depending on the severity of the incident. Any additional red or yellow cards issued to the same player/coach/spectator during the course of that season, could result in that individual being suspended for the balance of the season. The Weston Soccer Board has the discretion of taking further action should the individual case warrant such action including the banishment of that individual from all future Weston Soccer Club sanctioned events.

It is Weston Soccer Club Policy that all Laws of the game will be observed by ALL players/coaches/spectators during any season. It is expected that those present at games will observe the laws of the game, respect opponents, teammates, officials, spectators and referees (observe the "Zero Tolerance" policy towards referees). Any questions with any of the above policies should be directed to the President of the Club.