



Middleton United Soccer Club Code of Conduct

The Middleton United Soccer Club wants to ensure that the conduct of players, parents, coaches, referees, and spectators during games at all levels are fair, positive, and enjoyable experiences for all of the children and adults involved. A soccer game should be a bonding experience – a fun, spirited social and athletic occasion for all of our participants and spectators.

In accordance with the above general statements, Middleton United SC requires parents and guest of players within the club to abide by the following Code of Conduct:

1. I will not force my child to play soccer, because I will remember that my child participates in soccer primarily for his/her enjoyment – not mine.
2. I will teach my child that doing one's best is more important than winning and will be supportive no matter the outcome of the game.
3. I will encourage my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
4. I will never yell or ridicule my child or others players for making a mistake or losing a game, rather I will praise/cheer my child and others for trying hard and competing fairly, and refrain from booing opponents.
5. I will understand that the officials do their best. I will respect their decisions, and not question an official's bias or judgment in public.
6. I will respect and appreciate the volunteer coaches and officials who donate their time to my child, and in doing so, I will not coach from the sidelines.
7. I will show respect for my team's opponents, and not use profanity or harass them, other spectators, coaches, or officials.
8. I will understand the Laws of the Game and the Middleton United SC adaptations.
9. I will demand a sports environment for my child that is free from profanity, drugs, tobacco, and alcohol and I will refrain from their use at all sports events.
10. I also understand that the referee assigned is in charge of the game, and, if asked to leave the game or the park, I must follow the request of the referee.

I have read and understand the above statements. I agree to conduct myself in a way that demonstrates the standards established in this Code of Conduct. I understand that if I fail to follow these guidelines, the disciplinary procedures could include:

- Verbal warning by official, coach, and/or head of league organization
- Written warning by official, coach, and/or head of league organization
- Parental game suspension with written documentation of incident kept on file by organizations involved
- Game forfeit through the official or coach
- Player suspension/expulsion from the club

Parent's Signature _____ Date: _____