



Chesapeake United Soccer Club Code of Conduct for Players

Players are key to establishing and upholding the ethics in soccer. Their concept of ethics and their attitude directly affects the behavior of themselves and their peers. Players are, therefore, expected to pay particular care to the moral aspect of their conduct. Players have to be aware that almost all of their everyday decisions and choices of actions have ethical implications and impact their growth and development. It is natural that winning constitutes a basic concern for players. This code is not intended to conflict with that. However, the code calls for players to disassociate themselves from a win-at-all-costs attitude. The education, enjoyment, development and safety of players is a first priority. This code of conduct remains in effect for the entirety of the player's career and any further involvement at Chesapeake United Soccer Club.

1. Players must respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person and treat each equally within the context of the sport, regardless of gender place of origin, color, sexual orientation, political belief or economic status.
2. Players must place the well-being and safety of each player above all other considerations. Players must never place the value of winning over the safety and welfare of the players.
3. Players must adhere to all guidelines laid down by governing bodies, club and team coach.
4. Players must direct comments or criticism at performance rather than the other athletes or coach.
5. Players must not exert undue influence to obtain personal benefit or reward.
6. Players must accept responsibility for their own behavior and performance.
7. Players must abstain from the use of tobacco products, drugs and alcohol.
8. Players must never make negative comments toward other players, coaches, parents, fans, or referees.
9. Players must co-operate fully with other players, coaches, officials, sports scientists, doctors, physiotherapists and sports professional in the best interests of themselves and teammates.
10. Players must always promote the positive aspects of the sport (e.g. fair play) and never condone violations of the Laws of the Game, behavior contrary to the spirit of the Laws of the Game or relevant rules and regulations or the use of prohibited substances or techniques.
11. Players must consistently display high standards of behavior and appearance.
12. Players will not use inappropriate language.
13. Players must regularly seek ways of increasing their development and continuing soccer education.

Print Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____