

# Danville Area Soccer Association

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## Members Code of Conduct and Principles of Fair Play :

Registered players and their families are members of Danville Soccer Association. With membership comes responsibility to make the soccer experience a wholesome one for all, according to the principles and rules of Danville Soccer Association.

Our Code of Conduct and Principles of Fair Play are to promote both sportsmanship and citizenship amongst our members and guests. Participation in the Danville Soccer Association is about more than winning any one individual game, and participants in our leagues will adhere to FIFA's policy of Fair Play. Soccer is an appropriate medium for character building in our children, and the concept of sportsmanship, along with the principles of trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and good citizenship, govern participation in our organization. Children learn by example. Parents and other adults are an essential component in fostering this kind of Fair Play.

As a parent and family member of a Danville Soccer Association player, I therefore agree that I will always support my child; that I will always be positive; that I will remember that my child is participating because he/she wants to have fun; that I will reinforce Fair Play and positive behavior; and that I will refrain from being a sideline referee or a sideline coach. I also agree and understand that any behavior which is contrary to the concept of Fair Play is subject to appropriate sanctions.

More specifically, as a parent and family member:

1. I will remember that children participate in soccer to have fun and that the game is for youth, not adults.
2. I will also remember that children imitate adults, so I will behave in a manner, and encourage others to behave in a manner, that reflects sportsmanlike behavior and the principles of trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and good citizenship.
3. I will learn the laws of the game, and encourage and help my child to do the same.
4. I will recognize and appreciate that my child's coach, the officials, and other representatives of the Danville Soccer Association are volunteers.
5. I (and my guests) will be a positive role model for my child and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, officials and spectators at every game, practice or other sporting event.
6. I (and my guests) will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player, or parent such as booing and taunting; refusing to shake hands; or using profane language or gestures.
7. I will not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and wellbeing of the athletes.
8. I will inform the coach of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others.
9. I will teach my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility, abusive language, or violence.
10. I will demand that my child treat other players, coaches, officials and spectators with respect.
11. I will teach my child that doing one's best is more important than winning, so that my child will never feel defeated by the outcome of a game or his/her performance.
12. I will praise my child for competing fairly and trying hard, and make my child feel like a winner every time.
13. I will never ridicule or yell at my child or other participant for making a mistake or losing a competition.
14. I will emphasize the long-term benefits skill development and practices and how they benefit my child, as opposed to the short-term excitement of games. I will also deemphasize games, competition and the importance of winning in the lower age groups.
15. I will promote the emotional and physical well-being of the athletes ahead of any personal desire I may have for my child to win.
16. I will respect the officials and their authority during games and will never question, discuss, or confront referees or coaches at the game field, and will take time to speak with coaches at an agreed upon time and place.
17. I will demand a sports environment for my child that is free from drugs, tobacco, and alcohol and I will refrain from their use at all sports events.
18. I will refrain from coaching my child or other players during games and practices, unless I am one of the official coaches of the team.
19. I will bring any questions or concerns to the attention of the coaching staff or the administration of Danville Soccer Association, though I understand that during practices and games, as well as one hour before and one hour after games, the coaching staff will be focused on my player and the team, and will thus be unavailable to

address parental questions or concerns.

20. I will do my part to keep soccer facilities safe and clean, including leaving the field cleaner than I found it, taking or disposing of all litter and trash.

21. I will encourage fellow members of Danville Soccer Association, including players and family members, to adhere to the code of conduct.

I also agree that if I fail to abide by the aforementioned rules and guidelines, I will be subject to disciplinary action that could include, but is not limited to the following:

1. Stoppage of play during the course of a game if and when parents, guardians, or spectators display inappropriate or disruptive behaviors which interfere with coaches, referees, players, or other spectators during the game.
2. Verbal warning by official, head coach, and/or head of league organization;
3. Written warning;
4. Parental game suspension with written documentation of incident kept on file by organizations involved;
5. Game forfeit through the official or coach; or
6. Parental season suspension.

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