

Parents Code of Conduct

Parent's agreement to accept and abide by the rules of the Nashua Youth Soccer League (NYSL)

The Nashua Youth Soccer League (NYSL) sponsors youth soccer activity with the goal of providing Nashua youth with an opportunity to develop life skills through team play, sportsmanship, competition, and fair play at the recreational level consistent with the NYSL mission statement. An emphasis on fair play and respect for all participants is a primary element of our leagues mission. To better achieve this mission, we issue and require compliance with Codes of Conduct for all Nashua players, parents, coaches and referees. This Code of Conduct reflects an agreement between the parents or guardians of Nashua Youth Soccer league players to abide by the rules and regulations of the game, as well as to maintain a cooperative attitude and uphold the ideals of fair play and sportsmanship. These Codes express our core values and goals. It is essential they be honored and followed.

As a Parent of a NYSL player I agree to abide with the following Code of Conduct:

1. I will learn the rules of the game and abide by them and the policies of the league.
2. I will be a positive role model for my child by always displaying good sportsmanship, respect and courtesy. If I find myself becoming too emotionally involved in what is happening on the field, I will take a step back and relax and remember that my childhood is over. I will give the players the freedom to enjoy themselves.
3. I will not boo, taunt, scream or make comments at, or about, players, coaches, fans or officials (that includes my team as well as the opponents). I will offer applause and cheers of encouragement for both teams following a good play or a great effort, otherwise I will remain quiet. I will never swear, use profanity or make obscene gestures, or engage in any inappropriate behavior or conduct, at any time.
4. I will not coach from the spectator's side during matches and practices as this confuses the players and can have a detrimental effect on the game.
5. I will respect the referees, coaches and game/league officials and their authority during every game. I recognize that I may not agree with a call, but it is not my job to officiate the game. I understand that making a scene in front of the team is embarrassing to me, the players, the coach and the league and chances are nothing will get resolved. I will never dispute, challenge, question or argue any call, nor confront any referee, coach or league official on the field.
6. I will communicate with and fully support my child's coach. I will address any questions, concerns or problems with the coach at an appropriate time and place.
7. I will encourage my child to speak with the coach if he/she is having difficulties in training or games, or cannot attend training etc.
8. I understand that the game of soccer is a team sport and I will teach my child that teamwork and being a team player are more important than individual achievements.
9. I will always praise my child for playing a good game and will make my child feel like a winner regardless of the outcome of the game. I will remind my son/daughter that games have winners and losers and that they should not become overconfident in their wins or upset with their losses.
10. I will help my son/daughter to focus on their performance and not the game result. I will encourage post game analysis as it will most likely result in their not talking to me after the game. I will let my son/daughter come to me for advice rather than telling them how to play
11. I understand that I have a responsibility to immediately inform a league officer if a coach does or says anything inappropriate in the presence of my child, or any other players.

12. I will demand a sports environment that is free from drugs, alcohol and tobacco and will refrain from their use at all games, exhibitions, practices and events. I will never attend a game, practice or event if I am under the influence of drugs or alcohol nor will I smoke at the soccer fields.
13. I will do my part to keep the soccer fields clean and litter-free. I will put all papers, trash and litter in the proper receptacles and encourage my child to do the same.
14. I will not force my child to participate in sports, remembering that children participate in sports to have fun and that the game is for the children – not the adults.
15. I agree to comply with any requests made of me by a coach or referee at practices or games. This may include but will not be limited to ensuring I am watching the game from the opposite sideline from the coaches and not otherwise interfering in any manner with the play of the game. Refusal with such compliance will result in a game delay any may result in my being requested to leave the field
17. I recognize that the league is entirely supported by volunteers. Game day preparation, purchase of supplies and uniforms, practice and game scheduling and the overall planning and execution of the Nashua Youth Soccer League is only accomplished by the hard work of the NYSL Board, the coaches and parents who volunteer. You are a member of NYSL so you are requested to step up and do your part. When asked to assist with team or league requirements such as but not limited to field set up you understand this is your responsibility to the league.

BY REGISTERING MY SON/DAUGHTER WITH NYSL I AGREE TO ABIDE BY THE ABOVE RULES AND GUIDELINES. I ALSO AGREE TO ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS WHICH I MAY BE SUBJECTED TO FOR FAILURE TO ABIDE BY THESE RULES AND GUIDELINES.

1ST Offense – Letter from NYSL to refrain from negative behavior

2nd Offense – Banned from attending games the remainder of the season

3rd Offense – Parent and player are banned for the balance of the season

If an offense is determined by the NYSL board to be so egregious, the board may skip directly to suspension for the balance of the season.

I ALSO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE PLAYERS CODE OF CONDUCT AND HAVE REVIEWED IT WITH MY SONS OR DAUGHTERS WHO ARE NYSL PLAYERS. MY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT IS CONSIDERED BINDING ON ALL FAMILY MEMBERS

Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Team Number: _____