



Parent Code of Conduct

Soccer is an exciting and fast paced, and at times emotional, game. Coaches, players and supporters should remember that the objective is to have fun and learn how the game is played. It is important to our soccer program that all participants conduct themselves in a positive and responsible manner. Towson United will not tolerate behavior which brings the organization, team, or game into disrepute. The organization believes that the attitude shown by parents toward the coaches, the referees, the opposing players and the importance of winning vs. losing are of paramount importance. Inappropriate comments or actions by adults undermines the essence of competition and introduces stresses which are inappropriate for children. As a parent in this organization you will set a good example to your player and others by behaving at all times in accordance with the following:

- Do not openly criticize the referees before, during or after games.
- Do not openly criticize your opponents or engage in arguments with their parents or officials during or after games.
- Only offer positive feedback to players on both teams.
- Cheer at all games within the spirit of fair play.
- Be mindful of your opponents' feelings when cheering for your team in lop-sided games.
- Do your best to teach your player to become a student of the game and do likewise.
- Show the quality of your sportsmanship during and after each and every match and encourage your child to congratulate opponents and match officials after every game.
- Do your very best to have your child on time and prepared for every match.
- Understand that improper behavior at a match, practice or other sponsored events may result in a you being asked to leave the field or the event by a referee, coach or team manager.
- Understand that, upon review of improper behavior by members of the board, you can, and will if necessary, be suspended from watching your child play should such behavior be considered rude or otherwise offensive.
- Leave the coaching to the coach and refrain from giving your child or any teammate any instructions during training or games.
- Endeavor to give timely notice (more than 24h) to your coach should your player be unable to attend a team event.
- Should you have a soccer-related concern regarding your player, you agree to reflect for at least 24h before raising the issue with the coach.

Towson United has a standing committee to address violations of our Code of Conduct. The Committee is comprised of members of the Board. If any member of our organization wishes to complain about conduct which they believe is contrary to our Codes of Conduct, they must:

- Address the issue with the person directly, either verbally or in writing, within one week of the incident or issue at hand.
- If there is no satisfactory resolution, the complainant must, within one week and in written form, be addressed with the Program Chair.
- All matters which are directed to the Program Chair will be responded to within one week of the receipt of the complaint.
- Decisions and actions by the Program Chair to address the complaint are final.

Failure to comply with the Parent Code of Conduct could result in removal from the fields, sanctions, and/or police involvement. Any violation will require a meeting with a standing committee. Second violations will result in expulsion from the organization.