

Dearborn Soccer Club - Sportsmanship Program Guidelines

The following are suggestions for practicing good sportsmanship on the soccer field. We ask that anyone who attends our games or plays in our club, adhere to the suggestions made here. These are meant to be clear and concise for everyone so that we will have fewer incidences and have more fun at our games. Every time you go out and play or watch, you are being watched. Please set good examples, you are having an impact on others. Attitude is contagious, good or bad. Most important: this is a game, **SO HAVE FUN!**

Desired Behavior

Be a good sport.

You should **never** address negative comments to the opposing team or your own. Treat referees, linesmen, coaching staff and trainers with respect. These are hard jobs, if you can do a better job, sign up to do so, we can always use more volunteers. Follow the rules of the game, if you don't know the rules, ask. We can always find a copy for your use.

Be there for your team.

Show up to practices and games equipped to play. Use of your ears is a must. If you can't make a practice or game, you should always call your coach to let them know.

Cheer in a positive manner.

We want to hear cheering on the sidelines. It makes the players feel great to hear you cheer them on. We want everyone to be able to enjoy soccer as much as possible. We believe these are universal keys to having a safe and fun game. After all that's what we are all here to do.

Unacceptable Behavior

Swearing or rude comments at officials or players.

Rude behavior or remarks to anyone on or off the field, including ethnic intimidation.

Aggressive movements toward officials or players.

Violating the rules of the game, league rules.

Gloating the win, or complaining at the loss.

Refusing to shake hands with opponent

Hurting the opponent during the handshake.

Name calling or laughing at opponent.

Consuming drugs or alcohol before or during a soccer game or practice.

Showing up unprepared for a game or practice.

Not showing up or calling.

Not following these suggested guidelines may result in one or more of the following:

Carding* (if applicable)

Ejection from game or sidelines

Meeting with the disciplinary board

Suspension from games

Dismissal from the club.

***Note: Coaches take the card on cardable offences for spectators.**

___ I have read and understand the purpose of the Sportsmanship program rules of behavior guidelines.

Please initial above and choose one of the following below:

___ I agree fully and will abide by the guidelines set by the program to the best of my ability.

___ I disagree with the following:

___ I refuse to sign because

(Please Print)

Team: _____ Player: _____ Parent (s) _____

Player/Parent Signatures: _____ Date _____

Please return this page to your coach or mail it to: Sportsmanship PO BOX 741 Dearborn MI 48121

