



Member Code of Conduct



All players, coaches, and spectators within the Cocalico Youth Soccer Club (CYSC) must be aware of the expectations and responsibilities they hold within their respective roles as they represent the club both internally and at external events. This code of conduct is implemented universally across all tiers of the club and by joining the club or attending club events as a spectator the expectation is adherence to this agreement.

All club participants agree to:

- Represent the CYSC positively. This includes:
 - refraining from using any inappropriate language and not engaging in disparaging dialogue with opponents, teammates, referees, coaches, or spectators.
 - treating all players, coaches, and opponents with dignity and respect.
 - treating officials with dignity and respect. This includes not complaining about or arguing with referee calls or decisions during or after a game. Coaches have access to approved methods for reporting referee issues to the proper authorities as appropriate.
 - exhibiting class in all situations, modeling positive behavior, being gracious in victory and dignified in defeat.
- Not, under any circumstances, participate in physical violence or threats thereof during any club events.
- Show care for property maintained by the club or any other opposing teams to prevent undue damage. If the offense causes damages to property, the club has the right to require full restitution to the property owner by the offender.

Players agree to:

- Commit to regularly attending practices and games. If a player anticipates they will be late or need to miss an event, coaches must be notified in advance by the participant or their guardian.
- Come to practices prepared to participate. This includes proper attire, equipment, footwear, water, etc.
- Not use alcohol, tobacco products, or illegal drugs.
- Adhere to all soccer rules as established by the club, league of enrollment, and the EPYSA.
- Respect and follow the instruction of their coaches with the understanding that through their cooperation they will see improvement.

Coaching Staff agree to:

- Be a positive role model, always mindful of the high visibility and great influence they have as community leaders and influencers of young athletes.

- Maintain a knowledge of the rules of the game as outlined by the EPYSA and the respective league of play. Coaches will know, understand, and teach these rules to their players.
- Complete and maintain all clearances as standardized by the CYSC board. This includes, but is not limited to, background checks, concussion training, and other clearances as defined for each season.
- Exhibit professional conduct, interacting in an appropriate manner with players and maintaining proper coach-player boundaries. This includes preventing opportunity for themselves or others to have inappropriate sexual or romantic contact with a player, which is strictly forbidden.
- Uphold the Code of Conduct with players, fellow coaches, and spectators of events, working with the club to address issues as appropriate.
- Use positive coaching methods to make the experience enjoyable, increase self-esteem, and foster a love for and appreciation of the sport. Coaches will refrain from physical or psychological intimidation, verbal abuse, and conduct that is demeaning to the players or others.
- Encourage players to pursue victory with honor, to think and play as a team, to do their best and continually strive to improve through personal effort and discipline. Coaches will discourage selfishness and put reduced emphasis on the outcome of the contest than upon effort, teamwork, and winning with character.
- Ensure competition remains safe, and that safety and health is given consideration above a desire to win. A coach will never permit players to intentionally injure another player or engage in reckless play that may result in injury to that player or others.
- Not use alcohol, illegal drugs, or tobacco products on club property.

Parents or guardians of participants, as well as spectators representing the CYSC agree to:

- Encourage their player to take responsibility for themselves as a member of their team, including, but not limited to, addressing any questions or concerns directly with their coach when reasonable.
- First appeal to a Head Coach to resolve any issues identified regarding the player for which they represent. If the issue is unable to be resolved with the Head Coach, then the matter will be directed to the U6, U8, Rec League, or Select League Coordinator. If still unresolved, the club president will become involved. These concerns or issues will not be shared by any party with other parents so as to promote a positive atmosphere for the participants of the CYSC.
- Exude a positive attitude and show respect for any and all opportunities given to each player. This includes publicly supporting the decisions of coaches and seeking private resolution as defined above for any concerns made by the coaching staff.
- Encourage the player and team for which they show support at club events. Supporters will refrain from coaching from the sidelines at all times. They will be present at club events strictly to provide encouragement and support to their player and team.

- Show support for their player, praising the player for their efforts, and refraining from coaching or criticizing them for any errors in their performance.
- Not use alcohol, illegal drugs, or tobacco products on club property.

Failure to abide by the CYSC Code of Conduct may result in disciplinary action as determined appropriate by the board members of the club. This action may include, but not be limited to, the issuance of a warning letter, suspension from practices or games, or expulsion from the club. In the event of suspension no fees paid to the CYSC shall be prorated or returned. In the event of an expulsion no refund of fees paid to the CYSC shall be made.