

BUFFALO SOCCER CLUB

CODE OF CONDUCT

Participants in the Buffalo Soccer Club,

We, as a board, are concerned about the conduct of all that participate in Buffalo Soccer activities. It is our obligation to remind you that youth sports are supposed to be fun-for the *players*. Unfortunately many adults lose sight of the fact that their actions, whether verbal or nonverbal, can have a lasting emotional effect on our players. To this end, the Buffalo Soccer Club (BSC) Board of Directors has adopted a Code of Conduct for all that participate in club activities. We are now requiring all managers, coaches, players and parents/spectators to review, understand and abide by this Code of Conduct in order to participate in Buffalo Soccer Club activities. Failure to comply with these standards can lead to eventual forfeiture of the privilege of participation, as set forth in the code of conduct.

The essential elements of character building and ethics in sports are embodied in the concepts of sportsmanship, trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and good citizenship. It is the duty of the adult participants to lead by example, no matter what the circumstances of a game are. Please read and abide by the code of conduct that has been developed to clarify and distinguish acceptable behavior that is necessary to the development of the sport of soccer.

As a player, parent, coach or manager of the Buffalo Soccer Club I agree to

- 1) Treat all players, coaches, referees and spectators with respect. This applies to representatives of both teams.
- 2) Control my emotions. I will refrain from negative comments and abusive behavior directed toward any player, coach, referee or spectator.
- 3) Address all concerns regarding referee's to my team coach or a member of the BSC board. I will not engage in any negative behavior/discussion with a referee.
- 4) Commit to an environment free of drugs, alcohol and tobacco.
- 5) Remember that good practices lead to good games. I will attend (or send my child to) all practices or will notify the coach in advance in the event one must be missed.

- 6) Be prepared for all games and practices – this includes being on time, having all equipment, medication, water etc necessary for the conditions.
- 7) Relay this information to all family members attending a BSC event.

Failure to comply with these standards can lead to the eventual forfeiture of the privilege to participate in Buffalo Soccer Club (BSC) activities.

The BSC Board has determined that action will be taken against any coach/manager/player that accumulates game disqualification as follows:

- 1st Disqualification
1 game suspension
- 2nd Disqualification
Remainder of the season suspension and a review to determine future eligibility in BSC.

These sanctions are levied in addition to any action taken by the Minnesota Youth Soccer Association.

It will be the coach's responsibility to notify the Club President of infractions within 48 hours after the game via email or telephone. Failure to comply may result in disciplinary action against the coach.

A judiciary committee will be formed, as needed, to review each incident that may occur. The judiciary committee has the authority to render a more severe penalty to any participant if it determines their actions to be detrimental to BSC. Criminal conduct will not be tolerated and will result in immediate expulsion from BSC and the proper authorities being notified.

I agree to comply in letter and in spirit with the terms of the Buffalo Soccer Club Code of Conduct.

Printed Name _____

Signature _____

Date _____