



## Parental Code of Conduct

Interscholastic and youth sports programs play an important role in promoting the physical, social and emotional development of children. It is therefore essential for parents, coaches and officials to encourage youth athletes to embrace the values of good sportsmanship. Moreover, adults involved in youth sports events should be models of good sportsmanship and should lead by example by demonstrating fairness, respect and self-control.

Effective immediately, the DSA has adopted the following conduct policy.

- I will not engage in unsportsmanlike conduct with any coach, parent, player, participant, official or any other attendee.
- I will not encourage my child, or any other person, to engage in unsportsmanlike conduct with any coach, parent, player, participant, official or any other attendee.
- I will not engage in any behavior which would endanger the health, safety or well-being of any coach, parent, player, participant, official or any other attendee.
- I will not encourage my child, or any other person, to engage in any behavior which would endanger the health, safety or well-being of any coach, parent, player, participant, official or any other attendee.
- I will not use drugs or alcohol while at a youth sports event and will not attend, coach, officiate or participate in a youth sports event while under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
- I will not engage in the use of profanity.
- I will not encourage my child, or any other person, to engage in the use of profanity.
- I will treat any coach, parent, player, participant, official or any other attendee with respect regardless of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation or ability.
- I will encourage my child to treat any coach, parent, player, participant, official or any other attendee with respect regardless of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation or ability.
- I will not engage in verbal or physical threats or abuse aimed at any coach, parent, player, participant, official or any other attendee.
- I will not encourage my child, or any other person, to engage in verbal or physical threats or abuse aimed at any coach, parent, player, participant, official or any other attendee.
- I will not initiate a fight or scuffle with any coach, parent, player, participant, official or any other attendee.
- I will not encourage my child, or any other person, to initiate a fight or scuffle with any coach, parent, player, participant, official or any other attendee.
- I will help keep the fields looking good by taking or properly disposing of my trash.
- I will abide by the rules and regulations of the USSF, USYS its affiliated organizations including NJYS and its sponsors.
- I understand parents are not permitted to speak to the officials before, during, or after a game. This is a league rule and the official may take action against the coach by means of a fine and/or suspension.
- I understand parents are not to coach from the sidelines.
- I understand it is a parent's duty to notify the coach of any inappropriate behavior they might observe during a game.
- I understand no one is permitted on any playing field except for coaches, referees and the players, before, during or after game.
- Parents and Guardians are fully responsible for the actions, safety and welfare of their participating and non-participating children, family and friends as well as their own actions.

Please be advised that any violation of this policy will result in you and/or your child being removed from any and all activities with Deptford Soccer Association, and with NO REFUNDS.

**First Offense:** The offending party will be asked not to attend the next two games.

**Second Offense:** The offending party will be asked not to attend the balance of the current season, and, if the current season is more than half complete, the first half of the next season.

**Third Offense:** The offending party will lose the privilege of membership in the DSA. All sanctions take effect immediately. They may be appealed in writing within forty-eight hours of notification to DSA Board.

I, the parent/guardian of the below named player for Deptford Soccer Association (DSA), a minor, agree that ANY activity associated with Deptford Soccer Association, either at HOME or AWAY. By signing your name in the space provided below, you understand and recognize our "NO TOLERANCE FOR VIOLENCE" Policy.

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_