



KSC Soccer Player Code of Conduct

The Kinnelon Soccer Club (KSC) is a member of the Morris County Youth Soccer Association (MCYSA). The goal of the Kinnelon Soccer Club (KSC) is to provide a positive soccer experience for our children so they can reach their maximum potential. To attain this goal, the program aims to teach and develop within all players the techniques, tactics, fitness and psychology necessary to be quality soccer players. Achieving the goals of the KSC requires greater commitment on the part of players than recreation programs. KSC expects that children come prepared to be fully engaged while having fun playing soccer.

It is expected that all players will pay attention and behave (different expectations for each age group) during practices and games and contribute to a competitive team atmosphere. Players should be committed to participate in the activities of the team in order to improve player development and team play. If a player continuously misses practice or arrives late, they will miss team concepts or instruction that will negatively affect the team. In order for the program to be successful, everyone must be prepared to give a full commitment to attend all practices and games. All players that demonstrate a full commitment to the club will maintain a "Player in Good Standing Status". Players that regularly disrupt training sessions, miss games, miss practices, arrive late to practice for reasons other than those listed below, will most likely see reduced playing time and will not be permitted to take part of the starting lineup. Team trainers and parent managers are expected to advise the player's parents if a player is in danger of losing their "Player in Good Standing" status. Acceptable reasons for missing games, missing practices, or arriving late to practices include injury, illness, religious holidays, schoolwork and occasional family commitment. Please note that this list is not all inclusive, there may be other reasons that a player may miss practice and/or games. For such instances, communication with the coach and agreed upon commitments should be discussed so that the player remains in "Good Standing Status." Players on KSC teams are not precluded from participating in other activities or sports, but are expected to attend their team practices as well as games, or work out a reasonable compromise with their coaches.

This increased level of commitment also carries many rewards including, participating in tournaments, meeting new friends, developing advanced soccer skills and accessing a great variety of soccer opportunities. The commitment is significant, but like most things in life the work put into our program can leave our children with many rewarding experiences. KSC has also established a feel good action noted as "captain bands." Each week the coach will select a player that has demonstrated "captain like skills" which include but are not limited to, leading by example, always encouraging teammates to behave and do their best, work hard and pay attention to the coach, treat his/her teammates with respect, visible progression in their soccer journey and effort put on practice and during games. Each week the captain will receive a captain band to be worn during games and be the player assigned to do the coin toss.

Players in "Good Standing Status" earn the opportunity to actively participate in each and every game. Following are guidelines for each Division. As previously noted, participation in a game

might be affected by situations such as: attendance at practice sessions and games, conduct of individual players and overall level of play of the team as compared to the level of play of individual players. Coaches have the discretion to determine each player's time on the field if there are circumstances, which call for decreased playing time over the recommended time.

Utilizing the considerations outlined above and herein, these guidelines recommend the following:

- (U8- U10): All players should be given the opportunity to play an AVERAGE of 50% over the course of the season. At this age, children are still in the developmental stage of skill development, and the most important thing we can provide them is a quality playing experience. Players should be given the opportunity to develop their skills at different positions so they can develop into complete soccer players. No team should designate any player as a “defender” or “keeper” or “attack”. Each player should have the opportunity to play every position. If a player does not wish to be a goalie, they should not be forced into that position.
- (U11, U12): All players should be given the opportunity to play an AVERAGE of 25% over the course of the season. By this age players will begin to show signs of favoring the attacking or defending aspects of the game. This is a natural step in the player's development.
- (U13, U14) The length of play at these age levels is entirely up to the Coach. However, we encourage coaches to give each player at least 25% playing time per game, but this is not guaranteed.

For questions or concerns throughout the season, you may reach out to any member of the board or via email at kinnelonsoccerclubboard@gmail.com

Signature: _____
(Player)

Date: _____