



## ASA Code of Conduct

The Arizona Soccer Association strives to provide the best possible environment for youth players and play an important role in promoting the physical, social, and emotional development of young people. Therefore, it is essential for parents, coaches, spectators, and officials to encourage youth athletes to embrace the values of good sportsmanship. Furthermore, parents, spectators, and officials involved in youth sports events should be models of good sportsmanship and should lead by example by demonstrating fairness, respect, and self-control. The Arizona Soccer Association is committed to establishing an environment that is safe and fosters optimal learning opportunities for all our players.

To maintain the reputation of the league and the learning environment ASA has formulated this Code of Conduct and requires that you commit to be responsible for your words and actions while attending, coaching, officiating, or participating in ASA and that you conform your behavior to the following Code of Conduct:

1. I will treat coaches, players, opponents, referees, spectators and all other individuals with respect.
2. I will not engage in any behavior which would endanger the health, safety, or wellbeing of any coach, parent, player, participant, referee, or any other attendee.
3. I will not use drugs, alcohol or tobacco products while involved in any youth soccer activities, whether training, attending, or officiating games.
4. I will not use profanity, obscenity or any other offensive language.
5. I will endeavor to ensure that no parents, spectators or anyone associated with my team use profanity, obscenity or any other offensive language.
6. I will not engage in verbal or physical abuse towards any other coach, player, parent, spectator, participant, or official.
7. I will be punctual; arriving at games and practice well before the start time to have cleats, shin guards, and other training gear ready to be checked.

All players should communicate any and all injuries, illness, conflicts or problems to the head coach in a timely manner, including their intent to participate in school sports or activities.

As a spectator and/or parent I will also:

1. Calmly watch play and not shout instructions to my child or other players.
2. Not question the calls of the referee or the actions of coaches.
3. Provide encouragement to any and all players.
4. Support my child's efforts to be on time and prepared for all training sessions, games and other team related activities.
5. Make sure my child comes to training sessions and games with appropriate equipment.
6. Except in the case of an emergency, refrain from entering the team bench area and discussing issues with the team or coach, unless asked to do so by the coach.

Anyone who fails to conform to the preceding Code of Conduct or receives a red card by an official while attending, coaching, training, officiating or participating in any event sanctioned by ASA will be subject to the penalties listed on receipt of a written complaint from an official (referee, coach, team parent, etc.) and after an appropriate hearing has been conducted by the ASA Discipline & Rules Committee or its designated authority.

1. First Offense: Must watch an interactive training video regarding anger management and good behaviors at games.
2. Second Offense: \$250 fine.

3. Third Offense: \$500 fine and expulsion for one year.

In the event of an incident where an individual cannot be identified or multiple individuals are at fault, all parents may be asked to attend a hearing where penalties may be assessed that include a team's parents and spectators being restricted from attending games for a certain number of games or a certain period of time. These penalties would be assessed after an appropriate hearing has been conducted by the ASA Discipline & Rules Committee or its designated authority.

All charges will be made directly to the Parent/Fan/Coach, NOT the club.

By signing I understand the code of conduct as well as the penalties and understand that if I violate the code of conduct I will be subject to the penalties listed.

Player Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Staff Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Team Name \_\_\_\_\_

Club Name \_\_\_\_\_