

Okotoks Minor Soccer Association

Code of Conduct



Parents will.....

- be positive and supportive, cheer for the team and encourage all of the players.
- **keep negative thoughts just that. No comments.**
- not coach, but allow the coaches to make adjustments as they determine.
- applaud good plays by either team.
- treat the officials with respect and respect the officials' decisions.
- not engage in heated game-related discussions with parents from the opposing team.
- not encourage the use of violence in any form and will not use abusive language.
- encourage players to always play according to the rules of the competition and display good sportsmanship.
- **keep winning and losing in perspective.**
- **self invoke a minimum 24 hour cooling off period before addressing any concern to club officials.**

The parents or guardians of the soccer player, and the soccer player will be required to agree to the Player's Code of Conduct as a condition of membership in Okotoks Minor Soccer Association..

Athletes will.....

1. understand that being allowed to play soccer with Okotoks Minor Soccer Association (OMSA) is a privilege, and that I am expected to follow the Code of Conduct at all times.
2. agree to abide by the rules of the game applicable to the level of play in which my team will participate.
3. understand that I must set an example, and conduct myself respectfully and courteously towards everyone associated with the game and that my team, the organization, and I will be judged by my behaviour.
4. understand that irresponsible or disrespectful behaviour in any club facility and toward my coach, opposing players, referees or parents before, during or after a game or practice is inappropriate, and will not be tolerated.
5. understand that yelling, taunting, obscene gestures or language, racial or ethnic slurs, striking, attempting to strike, **spitting** or otherwise abusing an official, opposing player, spectator or coach will not be tolerated.
6. understand that I must win and lose with grace and dignity.
7. understand that I must abide by and respect the officials and their authority during games and will not question, or confront officials at the game field.
8. understand that I am expected to attend every practice and game to the best of my ability, and participate in all skill development sessions where applicable. It is my responsibility to notify my coach if I am unable to attend knowing that repeated absence may result in discipline to be determined by my coach.
9. understand that winning is not everything but having fun, improving skills, making friends and learning sportsmanship is the primary goal of OMSA.
10. understand that failure to abide by this Code of Conduct will result in disciplinary action that could include, but is not limited to the following:
 - Verbal or written warning by official, head coach and/or Technical Director or Trainer
 - Games suspension with written documentation of incident kept on file by OMSA
 - Multiple game or remainder of season suspension with written documentation of incident kept on file by OMSA
 - Any further disciplinary action to be determined by the Discipline Committee I have discussed this Code of Conduct with my parents or guardian and they have also agreed to be bound by it, and to be supportive of me, my team-mates, coaches, opponents and referees, and not to taunt or harass them in any way. Neither parents or guardians or I will publicly criticize or question my coach, teammates, opponents or officials, but agree to raise any concerns, **after a 24 hour cooling off period**, privately, in a civil and respectful manner.