

Lakelands Toros Soccer Club

Code of Conduct



PLAYERS AND PARENTS

The Lakelands Toros Soccer Club ("Club") supports youth soccer activity that is governed by a sense of fair play and sportsmanship. Our opponents and officials are to be treated with respect at all times. Discrimination based on race, color, religion or gender will not be tolerated. Violent and/or dangerous actions by coaches, players, parents and spectators will not be tolerated.

Each person associated with the club is responsible for his or her own behavior. Parents should be aware that children tend to mimic adult behavior. Coaches or their designated representative are responsible for their players, parents, and spectators. Positive support for the team and staff is expected. The Club prides itself on the excellent conduct and sportsmanship of our coaches, players, parents, and spectators.

In the interest of preserving and enhancing health, our club has totally and unequivocally banned the possession, sale or use of all alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs or tobacco products by a player or parent while participating in any club activity. Any player or parent found to be in violation faces severe consequences, which may include suspension or expulsion from the club.

The Club actively supports game officials. These officials are sometimes faced with difficult decisions, which may be unpopular with one or both teams. Verbal abuse toward officials by coaches, players, parents or spectators may result in said individuals being asked to leave the playing area. (A coach may also be sent off for the poor behavior of spectators.) Referees have the authority to suspend play if a coach does not control his team and/or spectators. Therefore, positive support and encouragement is vital to our teams well being.

The Club is committed to going above and beyond the current South Carolina Youth Soccer Association guidelines, which set a minimum standard of discipline.

LAKELANDS TOROS SOCCER CLUB SANCTIONS

RED CARD

Players receiving a red card will be ejected from the game immediately and cannot participate in his/her team's next match. Repeat offenders may face further sanctions, which may include suspension or expulsion from the Club, as determined by the coach and/or Director of Coaching.

EJECTION FOR FIGHTING AND/OR FOUL AND ABUSIVE LANGUAGE

If a red card or second yellow card is warranted, the Club player will sit out the remainder of that game and the next two scheduled games.

Note – In both of the above-mentioned cases, the word "Warranted" is used. This allows the Club coaching staff to use their discretion as the appropriateness of the call. This option will be exercised very carefully and should not be viewed as an opportunity to avoid penalty of an earned card.

*Coaches, parents, and spectators who are told to leave the playing field by game officials must do so immediately. In addition, he/she will be banned from attending games for at least one week and may be banned for a longer period of time if so determined by an inquiry.

*Parents and Players will show respect to the Club's Coaches at all times. Concerns with coaching should be addressed to the Director of Coaching and/or the Club's President or Vice-President.

*Parents and spectators who are abusive of players, coaches or officials may be banned from attending matches for one week if deemed appropriate by the coach. The Club Board of Directors can suspend or expel any player for acting in a manner not deemed fit by the Club.

Parents who agree to their child playing with the Club and players who agree to play for the Club accept the rules and regulations as stated above and agree that all actions must lead to the successful fulfillment of the objectives. Remember that the players, coaches, and referees will make mistakes, but the games are merely games which players are playing for exercise, enjoyment, and to learn the game of soccer.

I agree to abide by the Lakelands Toros Soccer Club Code of Conduct.

Parent Signature _____

Date _____

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Date _____

Player Signature _____

Date _____

Player's Printed Name _____

Team Name _____