

SADDLE BROOK SOCCER ASSOCIATION
SOCCER CODE OF CONDUCT FORM – PARENTS/PLAYERS
Spring 2021/Fall 2021

Child's Last Name _____ Child's First Name _____

Home Address _____ Home Phone # _____

Birthdate _____ School _____ Grade _____

Male _____ Female _____ Parents'/Guardians' Names _____

Parents'/Guardians' E-mail Address(es) _____

CODE OF CONDUCT

The Saddle Brook Soccer Association Board of Directors requires that a parent or guardian of each participant sign the bottom of this document. This acknowledges that they have read this form, understand it, and agree to conform to the rules summarized below.

1. It is understood that there will be **NO** arguing with officials at any time.
2. It is understood that profane or abusive language will not be tolerated at any time while participating in any Saddle Brook Soccer activity.
3. It is understood that fighting will not be tolerated at any time while participating in any Saddle Brook Soccer activity.
4. It is agreed that you and your child will conduct yourself in a proper manner while participating in any Saddle Brook Soccer activity.

Violations of any of the above will lead to automatic ejection. In an attempt to ensure that our coaches, parents, and players conduct themselves with proper behavior and are able to enjoy participation in Saddle Brook Soccer activities, we have established the following guidelines:

PARENTS/PLAYERS

- a. If a parent/player is ejected from a game, the Saddle Brook Soccer Association Board of Directors will issue a warning to the parent/player, and the Board of Directors has the power to suspend the player from further games.
- b. If a parent/player is ejected a second time during that season, the Saddle Brook Soccer Association Board of Directors will issue a warning to the parent/player, but the Board will consider that this is the second offense and will, in all likelihood, issue a much harsher ruling depending on the specific circumstances of the ejection.
- c. The player and/or his/her parent(s) will be responsible for any league fines issued against the parent/player.
- d. No player will be granted a friendly release from a team to join another team, once the player's team has been registered for the season. In most cases this will be from the early registration date established by Northern Counties each season.
- e. If a team forfeits a game due to a lack of players in attendance, the players who did not attend the game will be responsible for the \$250 League Fine. The fine will be divided equally among those players that did not attend. The fine must be paid prior to the next game.

SPECTATORS AND PARENTS / GUARDIANS

We have a responsibility to promote high standards of behavior in the game. Saddle Brook Soccer Association will implement this code of conduct to ensure soccer can be enjoyed in a safe, positive environment. Remember, youth soccer is a time for players to develop their technical, physical, tactical and social skills. Winning isn't everything. Play your part and help enforce the Saddle Brook Soccer Association Code of Conduct for Spectators and Parents/Guardians at all times.

I will:

- Applaud effort and good play as well as success;
- Always respect the match officials' decisions;
- I understand that spectators are to take the side of the field opposite the teams; spectators will remain at least 3 feet behind the touchline;
- Let the coach do his/her job and not confuse the players by telling them what to do;
- Encourage the players to respect the opposition, referee and match officials;
- Avoid criticizing a player for making a mistake – mistakes are part of learning;
- I will not coach my child or other children from the sideline during the game;
- I will only make positive comments to the players and it is understood that coaches and not parents shall provide instructional input during games;
- Remember that this is a travel league, not everyone will play for an equal amount of time; and

- Remember that children are playing for a competitive yet positive experience.

I understand that if I do not follow the Code, any/all of the following actions may be taken by Saddle Brook Soccer Association. I may be:

- Issued a verbal warning from Saddle Brook Soccer Association official;
- Required to meet with a Saddle Brook Soccer Association official;
- Required to pay any fines levied by Northern Counties associated with my conduct;
- Obligated to leave the match venue;
- Required by Saddle Brook Soccer Association not to attend future games; and
- Required to leave Saddle Brook Soccer Association along with any dependents.

PLAYERS

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When playing soccer, I will:

- Always play to the best of my ability;
- I will work hard to improve my soccer skills;
- Play fairly – I won't cheat, complain or waste time;
- Respect my team-mates, the other team, the referee or my coach/manager;
- Play by the rules, as directed by the referee;
- Shake hands with the other team and referee at the end of the game;
- Listen and respond to what my coach/team manager tells me; and
- Not do anything with intent to physically harm an opposing player.

I understand that if I do not follow the Code, any/all of the following actions may be taken by Saddle Brook Soccer Association. I may:

- Be required to apologize to my team-mates, the other team, referee or team coach;
- Receive a formal warning from the coach and/or Saddle Brook Soccer Association;
- Be suspended; and
- Be required to leave Saddle Brook Soccer Association.

PARENT WAIVER AND CONSENT

As a parent or legal guardian of the child named on this form, I give my full consent and approval for my child to participate in the Saddle Brook Soccer Association soccer program. I understand there are certain risks inherent in the practice and play of soccer, as well as travel and other related activities incidental to my child's participation. My signature below confirms that I (i) have read and understand the form, (ii) am willing to assume these risks on behalf of my child, (iii) accept full responsibility for any injury sustained by my child resulting from their participation in this program, and (iv) understand that any such injury must be reported immediately to the Saddle Brook Soccer Association. My child, my family, and I acknowledge the Code of Conduct above, and understand and agree to follow its guidelines.

The parent/guardian signing this document is responsible for informing their family as well as their guests to adhere to the guidelines established in the handbook, as well as, in the Saddle Brook Soccer Association Soccer Code of Conduct.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Player

Date