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TMSC Code Of Conduct

Policy #

Approval Date:

Application: TMSC Directors, Coaches, Officials, Volunteers, Players

Purpose

The purpose of the Tillsonburg Minor Soccer Club Code of Conduct is to commit all TMSC Directors, Coaches, Officials, Volunteers and Players to a standard of behaviour that is professional, respectful and courteous. As an organization, TMSC is committed to compliance with the Canada Soccer Code of Conduct and Ethics.

Background

All TMSC Directors, Coaches, Officials, Volunteers, Players and Parents must adhere to the TMSC Code Of Conduct. Generally, TMSC does not permit any activity that may bring the organization, its Board of Directors and members into disrepute within the community at large. TMSC appreciates the support, assistance and commitment that parents give the Club and are aware that it can be a big commitment for the whole family. TMSC will do our best to keep parents informed and offer feedback. In return TillsonburFC asks that parents and family members adhere to the Code of Conduct. This Code of Conduct should be supplemented with a high degree of common sense, keeping the best interests of the players and the game in mind. Please read this Code of Conduct and embrace its content, spirit and intent. Every effort should be made to adhere to these principles. Violation of this Code of Conduct may result in disciplinary actions that could include, but are not limited to, verbal warnings, disciplinary measures as well as, in more extreme cases, suspension.

The safety of all children, TMSC players, opposing players and spectators alike, is of paramount importance; if any parent, player, coach, manager, etc., observes the abuse of a child or has a **reasonable** belief that a child may be suffering from abuse, it is that individual's responsibility to immediately contact the Club and the appropriate legal authority.

1. Policy

- 1.1. TMSC shall require all Directors, Coaches, Officials, Volunteers, Players and Parents to be aware of and compliant with the Code of Conduct.
- 1.2. Bullying, intimidation, harassment, abusive language, bad behaviour of any kind will not be tolerated and may result in immediate removal from the game and/or suspension at the discretion of the Board of Directors.



1.3. TMSC General Responsibilities and Behaviour Standards

1.3.1. Everyone associated with TMSC shall:

- 1.3.1.1. Report any inappropriate conduct witnessed to team or TMSC officials;
- 1.3.1.2. Support all efforts to remove violence from youth sport;
- 1.3.1.3. Respect the Laws of the Game;
- 1.3.1.4. Respect the decisions of the Officials and not ridicule, show disrespect or otherwise denigrate any Official.

1.4. TMSC Player Code of Conduct

1.4.1. Players Shall:

- 1.4.1.1. Make every effort to attend training and games on time and be prepared;
- 1.4.1.2. Ensure their behaviour and appearance is of a high standard;
- 1.4.1.3. Be polite, respectful and courteous to all coaching staff, teammates and opponents;
- 1.4.1.4. Treat match officials with respect and refrain from questioning them or answering them back;
- 1.4.1.5. Follow coaching staff directions;
- 1.4.1.6. Look after their own property and respect the property of others;
- 1.4.1.7. Shall not wear jewellery during training sessions and games;
- 1.4.1.8. Respect the Club equipment and facilities and that of other teams when playing away;
- 1.4.1.9. Play for personal enjoyment and success, not just to please parents, teachers or coaches;
- 1.4.1.10. Work hard on behalf of themselves, their teammates and TMSC.

1.5. TMSC Coaches Code of Conduct

1.5.1. Coaches Shall:

- 1.5.1.1. Prepare and deliver training sessions that are age appropriate and organized;
- 1.5.1.2. Encourage players in a positive manner and help them build their self confidence;
- 1.5.1.3. Demonstrate good behaviour and respect towards officials, staff and opponents;
- 1.5.1.4. Demand good behaviour and respect towards officials, staff and opponents;
- 1.5.1.5. Ensure the safety of all players during training and games;
- 1.5.1.6. Always be willing to give feedback to players and parents;
- 1.5.1.7. Consistently promote the importance of fair play;
- 1.5.1.8. Try to make each player's experience a positive and enjoyable one;
- 1.5.1.9. Respect the Laws of the Game;
- 1.5.1.10. Discourage intentional infringement of the Laws of the Game;
- 1.5.1.11. Never ridicule or yell at players for making mistakes on the field of play;



1.5.1.12. Motivate players to give their best effort in everything they do;

1.5.1.13. Act as a role model and praise good play from both sides.

1.6. TMSC Parent Code of Conduct

1.6.1. Parents Shall:

1.6.1.1. Report any inappropriate conduct they witness to team or TMSC officials;

1.6.1.2. Ensure that players arrive prior to the start of the training session and the requested time (usually 30-45 minutes) before kick-off for games as advised by the coaches;

1.6.1.3. Understand that part of the commitment and expectation of the coaching staff is that each player will attend every training session and game possible;

1.6.1.4. Provide a member of the coaching staff with a valid and appropriate reason if a child is going to miss a training session or game;

1.6.1.5. Make sure players arrive with water/sports drink and any medication needed;

1.6.1.6. Make sure players are dressed appropriately and wear the supplied kit and shin pads for all training sessions and games;

1.6.1.7. Always inform coaching staff of any injuries or illness;

1.6.1.8. Refrain from “coaching” the players or giving any advice while the coaches are working with the group during training sessions or during games;

1.6.1.9. Remember that their child is playing for their enjoyment not yours;

1.6.1.10. Keep expectations reasonable and not put their child under excessive pressure;

1.6.1.11. Encourage players to train at home and to watch soccer on television;

1.6.1.12. Never ridicule or yell at any child, including their own, for making a mistake;

1.6.1.13. Exhibit good behaviour, politeness and positive body language at all times when attending games, tournaments, practices or TMSC functions;

1.6.1.14. If upset by something, wait 24 hours before discussing the issue with the coaching staff and do so in a private and constructive manner.