



HALIFAX DUNBRACK SOCCER CLUB

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PREAMBLE

In order to ensure the proper operation of HDSC soccer programs and in order to maximize HDSC's member's enjoyment of the game, this HDSC standard code of conduct is applicable to all players participating at any level in the HDSC soccer programs.

POLICY

This policy provides the guidelines for the HDSC's expectations for its player's actions when representing the HDSC. These guidelines embrace the CSA's Fair Play Code.

The HDSC takes this Code of Conduct issue very seriously and as a result we will ensure that an appropriate action is taken to protect our HDSC's excellent reputation built up over so many years by hundreds of players and officials.

Players infracting on the Code of Conduct may face discipline at the team and/or club level depending on the severity of the incident.

PROCEDURE

Obligations toward the Game

Every HDSC player should:

1. Make every effort to develop their own sporting ability, in terms of skill, technique, tactics and stamina;
2. Give maximum effort and strive for the best possible performance during a game, even if the team is in a position where the desired result has already been achieved;
3. Set a positive example for others, particularly younger players and supporters;
4. Avoid all forms of gamesmanship and time-wasting;
5. Always have regard to the best interests of the game, including where publicly expressing an opinion on the game and any particular aspect of it, including others involved in the game;
6. Not use inappropriate language.



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Obligations toward the Team

Every HDSC player should:

1. Make every effort consistent with Fair Play and the Laws of the Game to help the team perform at its highest level as a team;
2. Make every effort to attend all training and games;
3. Inform the coach in advance when unable to attend training or games;
4. Inform your coach or referee if you are injured while playing;
5. Resist any influence that might, or might be seen to, bring into question commitment to the team;
6. Avoid critical comments about teammates; encourage positive team play.

Respect for the Laws of the Game and Competition Rules

Every HDSC player should:

1. Know and abide by the laws, rules and spirit of the game, and the competition rules for leagues, cups and tournaments. Accept success and failure, victory and defeat, equally;
2. Resist any temptation to take banned substances or use banned techniques.

Respect toward the Opponent

Every HDSC player should:

1. Treat opponents with due respect at all times, irrespective of the result of the game;
2. Safeguard the physical fitness of opponents, avoid violence and rough play, and help injured opponents.

Respect toward the Referee

Every HDSC player should:

1. Accept the decision of the Referee without protest;
2. Avoid words or actions that may mislead the Referee;
3. Show due respect toward the Referee.

Respect toward the Team Officials

Every HDSC player should:

1. Abide by the instructions of their Coach and Team Officials, provided they do not contradict the spirit of this Code;
2. Show due respect towards the Coach and Team Officials of opposing teams.



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Respect of Facilities

Every HDSC player should:

1. Adhere to the policies of all facilities including: water only (no other beverage or food) on artificial turf; no pets anywhere at schools or other fields that do not allow them; no wet shoes in gyms; no parking in prohibited areas;
2. Not interfere with another group's permitted use of a facility before or after the time allocated to the HDSC team or group;
3. Place disposable packaging and other garbage or recycling in containers provided, or if none are available, take them for disposal at home.

DEFINITIONS

Opponent - an opposing team or players, their coaches, managers, parents, and spectators.

RELATED DOCUMENTS

HDSC Policies:

4.2.1 Membership Discipline-Player;

HISTORICAL DATES

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