



CHESLEY MINOR SOCCER CODE OF CONDUCT

All participants (this includes players, spectators, coaches, managers, and officials) will conduct themselves in a respectful and supportive manner.

COACHES & MANAGERS

As a coach or manager, you are a role model and leader and have significant impact on your athlete's attitudes. Coaches and managers set an example for their players by practicing co-operation, self-discipline and respect for officials and opponents.

- Set an example of control and consistency with the players and parents.
- Respect the rules and spirit of the game.
- Discourage intentional rough or violent play or foul language.
- Respect the referee's decisions. Do not ridicule, show disrespect or yell at the referees. Referee abuse is not an acceptable behaviour.
- Never ridicule or yell at players for making mistakes or for performing poorly.
- Be generous with praise and encouragement and set a good example. Participants need a coach they can respect.
- Obtain proper training and upgrade coaching skills and knowledge of the game.
- Be on time and prepared for games and practices.
- Win and lose with both grace and dignity.
- Communicate your plans/expectations to players and parents.

PARENTS

Parents are encouraged to participate as supporters and assistants. Positive support of the players (and coaches) is welcome and appreciated. Open criticism of players, coaches or other officials should be avoided; it has the effect of lowering morale and fostering negative attitudes and behaviour on the part of players.

- Remember children play for their enjoyment, not yours.
- Encourage your child to play by the rules of the game.
- Be respectful of volunteer coaches and officials.
- Never ridicule or yell at any child for making a mistake or losing a game.
- Turn defeat into victory by emphasizing the value of honest effort, skill improvement and fair play.
- As spectators, applaud all good plays, both for your team and your opponents.
- Actions speak louder than words. Make sure your behaviour sets a good example.
- Support all efforts to remove violence from children's sport.
- Referee abuse is not an acceptable behaviour.
- Do not attend practices or games while under the influence of alcohol or drugs

PLAYERS

Players should recognize that they are part of a team; they share in its successes and failures. Fair play and co-operation is to be encouraged at all times.

- Play for your own enjoyment, not just to please your parents, teachers or coaches.
- Control your temper – fighting, swearing, and “mouthing off” spoil the game for everybody and are not acceptable
- Co-operate with your teammates and opponents for without them you don't have a game.
- Play by the rules.
- Work equally hard for yourself and your team. Your team's performance will benefit and so will your own.
- Winning isn't everything. Having fun, improving skills, making friends and doing your best are also important.
- Cheer all good plays, both for your team and the opponents.
- Remember that coaches and officials are there to help you.
- Referee abuse is not an acceptable behaviour.
- Give your best effort all the time be it practice or game situations.

Violation of this code of conduct will result in:

1) Verbal Warning

- A verbal warning will be issued by the coach or official

2) Written Warning

- If the behaviour continues, a written warning will be issued by the coach or official, and shared with the Chesley Minor Soccer executive committee

3) Removal

- If the behaviour continues, the executive committee will meet to discuss the issue. If the participant is found to have violated the code of conduct despite verbal and written warnings, the participant will be banned from participation in games, practices, tournaments, and special events for the family.