



Codes of Conduct

How We Play Matters

Taos Youth Soccer League is committed to creating a soccer community where every child is treated with dignity and respect.

Good sportsmanship is more than following the rules of the game. It is how we treat teammates, opponents, coaches, families and ourselves.

Players

We expect players to:

- Treat teammates, opponents, coaches and others with respect.
- Compete hard without humiliating, intimidating or degrading others.
- Encourage teammates and allow them to make mistakes.
- Play fairly and honestly.
- Communicate respectfully when frustrated or disappointed.
- Respect other players' physical and personal boundaries.
- Avoid fighting, bullying, taunting, threats and retaliation.
- Never use racist, sexist, discriminatory, degrading or abusive language.
- Tell a coach or trusted adult when they experience or witness inappropriate behavior.
- Be honest when adults are trying to understand what happened.
- Take responsibility when their actions hurt someone else.

Being a good teammate also means paying attention to what happens around you.

If another player is being targeted, don't participate. Don't encourage it or laugh along. Stand with and up for your teammate. Speak up or get a coach or another trusted adult when someone needs help.

Coaches

Coaches have a particular responsibility for the environment surrounding young players.

We expect coaches to:



- Treat every player with dignity and respect.
- Provide safe and age-appropriate instruction.
- Model fairness, self-control and good sportsmanship.
- Never ridicule or humiliate a child.
- Avoid favoritism.
- Address bullying, harassment, discriminatory conduct and other inappropriate behavior when it occurs.
- Listen when players or families raise concerns.
- Communicate significant behavioral or safety concerns to families and league leadership when appropriate.
- Place the safety and development of children ahead of winning.

Parents, Guardians and Spectators

We expect adults to model the behavior we ask of our players.

Parents, guardians and spectators should:

- Provide positive encouragement.
- Treat players, coaches, volunteers and other families respectfully.
- Avoid abusive, threatening, discriminatory or degrading language.
- Never ridicule or publicly criticize a child.
- Allow coaches to coach and players to play.
- Address concerns privately and respectfully with a coach or league representative.
- Avoid confrontations during or immediately following games.
- Help children understand that sportsmanship includes responsibility for how we treat other people.

A Shared Standard

Everyone at TYSL—players and adults alike—shares responsibility for the environment we create.

Compete. Have fun. Make mistakes. Learn. Look out for one another.

Every player belongs.