



# Twin County Soccer League

## Code of Conduct

Player, Parents, and Spectators:

Welcome to Twin County Soccer league. We all look forward to a fun and memorable season. Here are a few tips and/or reminders that will help make the season enjoyable and rewarding.

1. Parents, players, and coaches need to know, this is a recreational league.
2. Players learn the value of teamwork and commitment.
3. Most of all, players should have fun.

### Objective

The primary objective is not winning. It is for players to learn basic soccer skills, while having fun, getting some exercise, and competing against their friends. Remember our goal is for the players to enjoy a relaxed and fun environment.

### Coaches

The coaches are volunteers who are willing to help out and give their best. Many are busy with work, travel and family and cannot always be there for every game. For some, coaching remains a relatively new experience. Much like the players, coaching continues to be a learning experience for everyone. Patience and help when needed is welcomed. At any time, when an issue arises or clarification for a situation is needed, remember calm communication goes a long way.

### Rules

TCSL rules may be different from other leagues or playing experiences your child may have had in the past. Our leagues rules have been modified to provide safety to the players due to the wide variety of soccer experience in the league. Please Note, if you are not satisfied with the rules set forth, please contact the Board for further explanation. This league may not be suitable to your needs and therefore you may need to join another league where you think you/your child's needs can be met.

**\*\*Please DO NOT approach coaches or Referees during the game to challenge them in any call. Wait until after the game or halftime to discuss the question if you don't understand the call. The refs WILL miss some calls; remember most of them are kids.**

If there is a conflict between a parent and Referee, or parent and coach, that parent with their child may be asked to leave the playing field. Return to league play will be up to discretion of the board members.

### Referees

Soccer refs **ARE NOT PROFESSIONALLY TRAINED OFFICIALS**. It is very difficult for two refs to see everything on the field, so please understand that they may miss things. **WHATEVER HAPPENS, THE REFEREES SHOULD NOT BE VERBALLY HARASSED**. Such harassment sets a bad example for the players and is unfair to the person who has taken their time to be involved in this league. Inappropriate behavior will not be tolerated.

### Safety

There is likely to be some minor injuries during the course of the season. With that said it is encouraged for a player to take precautions to aid in safety. Mouth guards are encouraged, especially if the



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individual has braces. They are still recommended without braces as it will increase protection but not mandatory. Cleats **MUST** be soccer cleats and cannot be a baseball or football cleat (any cleat with a tip at the toe of the shoe). Shin guards must be worn at all times for both practices and games. It is recommended to get a good quality guard that includes protection for the ankle as well. Players are prohibited from slide kicks and tackles. There is a wide level of skill/ability for soccer players in this league and some will not understand the concept and/or the defense to sliding which can cause unnecessary injuries. The first offense the player will be warned, but if it continues to happen, they will not be allowed to continue to play. Referees and coaches will try their best communicate to players the need to avoid intentional collisions and do their best to enforce this. Remember, even though soccer is considered a non-contact sport this does not mean it won't happen as some point. Other rules put in place for safety will be discussed with the coaches and refs.

## Schedule

All games will be played on Tuesdays and Thursdays. If there is a rain-out or weather-related cancellation of games, they will be made up as follows:

Tuesday – Made up Wednesday same time as originally scheduled

Thursday – Following Monday same time as originally scheduled

We ask that everyone would respect the grounds used and chip in where needed to keep the area clean and clear of litter. Please use the trash receptacles placed around the grounds or take items home with you. We want to keep our fields clean and neat, but this also goes a long way to remind our kids of responsibility.

We reaffirm this is a recreational league and should be respected as such. Players are encouraged to do their best and play hard but also to be a good teammate and a respectful opponent. Remember the main purpose is to create a stress-free environment where kids can have fun while engaging in the game of soccer. We thank you for doing your part to maintain this league's reputation and level of commitment to our community.

## TCSL Board members

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