

# **FPSA Code of Conduct (Players, Parents & Coaches)**

## **Purpose:**

To create a safe, respectful, and sportsmanlike environment for all athletes, families, and coaches participating in FPSA programs.

*Violations of this Code of Conduct may result in player & parent restrictions, suspension, or removal by the Fairview Park Soccer Association Board as described in the Constitution, Article XI and Article XVI.*

## **Parents/Guardians Must:**

- Let the coaches coach and the kids play.
- Encourage positive behavior by cheering for all players and respecting the game.
- Refrain from addressing referees regarding calls, regardless of perceived accuracy.
- Avoid coaching their child from the sidelines.
- Respect the coaches and appreciate their commitment as a VOLUNTEER coach.

## **Players Must:**

- Show respect to coaches, teammates, opponents, and officials at all times.
- Support their teammates with encouragement & inclusion.
- Play by the rules and maintain good sportsmanship.
- Never question or comment on a referee's call, even if it appears incorrect.

## **Coaches Must:**

- Model respectful behavior toward all players, parents, and officials.
- Focus on player development, safety, and character, not just winning.
- Refrain from arguing, questioning, or criticizing a referee's decisions. Referees are not obligated to explain a decision.

## **Referee Interaction Policy (All Participants):**

- No person (player, parent, or coach) may question or challenge a referee's decision. Referees are not obligated to explain their calls during or after a game.
- Negative comments, gestures, or confrontations toward referees will not be tolerated, whether verbal or non-verbal.
- If there are concerns about the fairness or professionalism of a referee, a written report must be submitted by email to the FPSA Girls or Boys Representative ([girlsrep@fairviewparksoccer.com](mailto:girlsrep@fairviewparksoccer.com) or [boysrep@fairviewparksoccer.com](mailto:boysrep@fairviewparksoccer.com)) within 48 hours of the incident. The representative will decide if the concerns warrant a report to the league.