

Portsmouth Invitational Soccer Tournament

Code of Conduct

Soccer is The Game for ALL Kids. Therefore, it is the responsibility of all persons involved to create a safe, enjoyable and competitive experience for each and every youth athlete participating in the tournament. That responsibility lies with the coaches, spectators, referees and individual players to ensure the integrity, sportsmanship and spirit of the game is upheld to the highest level. Failure to meet these responsibilities will undermine the games and the experience the Portsmouth Invitational Soccer Tournament presents to its participants. This has the potential for creating a hostile environment for players, referees, and all other participants and spectators. This type of scenario is unwanted and will not be tolerated. Therefore, the Portsmouth Invitational Soccer Tournament Committee has adopted the following Code of Conduct:

Coach, Player, Spectator Conduct

Referees are put in place to maintain order and facilitate the games in accordance with FIFA Laws of the Game with unique interpretation and exceptions for this tournament. Portsmouth Invitational Soccer Tournament Committee has empowered the referees to eject any coach, player or spectator that exhibits inappropriate behavior. The Tournament considers the following to be examples of inappropriate behavior:

- Challenging referees decisions
- Unsportsmanlike behavior towards players, coaches, referees, tournament officials or spectators
- Use of vulgar, derogatory, intimidating or profane language
- Entering the field of play without being recognized by the referee

Coaches are expected to maintain the highest standards of conduct for themselves, their players, and their supporters.

Protests

All decisions made during the game by the referee on rules of the game are final. Protesting referee decisions on rules of the game will not be accepted. Protests other than referee decisions on rules of the game must be communicated to the Tournament Director, in writing, within two (2) hours of the conclusion of the match in question. The Tournament Director will decide all protests. The Director's decision is final.

Team Age Group and Name: _____

Date: _____

Head Coach Signature: _____