



In SOSA, our Mission is to:

*Provide all members an opportunity to participate in the game of soccer at the level appropriate to their skill. SOSA will develop programs that will enhance player, coaching, and referee development, while always encouraging fair play.*

General Principles in our Code of Conduct:

**Respect for the Game:**

Adhering to the rules of the game, respecting the spirit of fair play, and promoting a positive image of soccer.

**Dignity and Self-Esteem:**

Treating all individuals with respect and avoiding actions that could be harmful or demeaning.

**Responsible Conduct:**

Avoiding behaviors that could bring the sport into disrepute, including discrimination, harassment, or violence.

## Coaching Code of Conduct

- Be a role model to your players in actions and words.
- Ensure all equipment and facilities meet all safety requirements.
- Show respect for all opponents and referees, and your players will do likewise.
- Be upbeat and positive and expect the same from your players.
- Set realistic technical goals for your players.
- Ask your players for their opinion. It will help them accept yours.
- Know your subject. Ask for help when needed.
- Never ridicule players for making mistakes. We only learn when we make mistakes.

## Player Code of Conduct

- Show respect for your coach and teammates, referees, and your opponents.
- Be punctual for games and practices and be committed to your team.
- Winning is great, improving your skills through hard work is even better.
- Play by the rules and understand the rules.
- Remember that displays of temper and disrespectful behaviour will spoil the game for everyone.

## Parent Code of Conduct

- Your behavior at soccer games must be exemplary.
- Remember that your child plays soccer for their enjoyment, not yours.
- Be respectful toward referees or be quiet.
- Applaud both teams; respect the efforts of all players.
- Support all attempts to remove violence and harassment from youth sport.
- Never be late, remember your child depends on your punctuality.
- Communicate with Team Officials.