



MARYLAND UNITED FC

PARENTAL CODE OF CONDUCT

Maryland United FC is dedicated to promoting the healthy development of youth in sports, created the following Code of Conduct for parents and spectators to abide by at every game.

It is understood that this code of conduct is designed as a guide to promote an environment of good sportsmanship and fair play. The standards of behavior identified in this code are not intended to be exhaustive. The participants should be aware that any behavior not specifically described herein but failing to meet the spirit and intent of this code may subject those involved to disciplinary action.

- I will not force my child to participate in sports. I will remember that children participate to have fun and that the game is for youth, not adults.
- I will inform the coach of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others.
- I will learn the laws of the game and the rules and policies of the league.
- I (and my/our guests) will be a positive role model for my child and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, officials and spectators at every game, practice or other sporting event. I (and my/our guests) will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player, or parent such as booing and taunting; refusing to shake hands; or using profane language or gestures.
- I will respect the officials and coaches and their authority during games/practices and will never question, discuss, or confront them at the game/practice field. A **48 hour period** after an issue will allow for all to process what took place and remove the emotional tension that makes resolution tougher.
- I will take time to speak with coaches at an agreed upon time and place.
- I will refrain from coaching my child or other players during games and practices, unless I am one of the official coaches of the team.
- I will demand a sports environment for my child that is free from drugs, tobacco, and alcohol and I will refrain from their use at all sports events.

Disciplinary Actions for failing to adhere to the Code of Conduct could include the following:

- Verbal warning by official, head coach, and/or head of league organization
- Written warning (not to exceed 3 in two consecutive seasons*).
- Parental game suspension with written documentation of incident kept on file by the organizations involved

- Player suspension with written documentation of incident kept on file by the organizations involved (Player should be required to attend game)
- Parental season suspension (Should include all games if multiple children play)
- Expulsion from the club (Should include all players in the family)
- Liable for any monetary penalty the team receives due to my/our behavior

By registering your child to participate in any **Maryland United FC** Program you understand and agree that any failure to abide by the aforementioned rules and guidelines may result in disciplinary action against not only you as parent/guardian but also your child. You also agree to abide by the policies and procedures set forth by **Maryland United FC**. Any such action may include but is not limited to those actions described above. It is furthermore understood and agreed that the **Maryland United FC** specifically reserves the right to impose disciplinary action above and beyond those actions described above as may be appropriate based upon the circumstances of the violation.