

Kearney Soccer Club Code of Conduct

The Kearney Soccer Club's (KSC) philosophy is to promote advancement of youth soccer in Kearney, NE, to encourage the development of skills and abilities, to promote a program that teaches individual and team skills, and to support the growth of players, coaches, and referees. The goal is for players to have fun playing the game of soccer and to develop self-esteem and confidence through skills development. KSC will promote a sense of fair play and good sportsmanship at all levels.

The key elements of the KSC are to develop individual and team skills in all players in a fun family environment that builds character, competence, and confidence. Positive attitude, respect, integrity, diversity, and excellence are keys to good sportsmanship.

Players, parents/guardians, coaches, and staff members will be expected to follow this Kearney Soccer Club Code of Conduct. In the event certain behavior breaks this Code of Conduct, disciplinary action may be taken by the KSC board. Disciplinary action will be based on severity of behaviors and the evaluation by the KSC board.

Kearney Soccer Club Code of Conduct States:

Players will:

- treat coaches, teammates, opposing players, referees, and spectators with respect at all times.
- be a positive role model and encourage good sportsmanship from fellow players, coaches, and parents.
- remember that all players have different levels of talent and abilities. Players will never ridicule another team member or player for making a mistake.
- listen to their coaches and do what is asked of them in order to improve their game and their position on the team.
- understand they represent their team, their community, and KSC.
- understand that drug use and other illegal conduct will not be tolerated.

- refrain from using social media to post negative comments about KSC, their team, players, or coaches.
- understand that playing for KSC is a privilege, not a right. Behavior and actions that go against the Code of Conduct in an extreme way could lead to possible removal from the team.
- understand that all sections in the KSC Code of Conduct are expected to be followed.

Parents/Guardians:

Parents/Guardians are an essential part of a player's soccer development and team success. Parent support and positive behavior on the sideline is extremely important. Parents/Guardians are expected to create a positive environment for all players as well as understand they are representing their team, their community, and KSC.

Parents/Guardians and Kearney Soccer Club Staff members will:

- display appropriate behavior on the sideline by demonstrating good sportsmanship by cheering on your player/team in a positive manner.
- not yell at the referee, opposing coach, or opposing players.
- be respectful of all coaches and their decisions. Please refrain from approaching coaches with concerns immediately before, during or immediately after a game. In the event you have a concern or disagreement with a decision the coach has made, connect with them directly via e-mail, text, or phone to set up the appropriate time to visit.
- let the coaches do the coaching. Refrain from yelling instructions at players during games as instructions from parents and others can be distracting and contradicting to the coaches' strategy.
- be responsible for any family members or guests they bring to a game.

No parent is exempt from following the Kearney Soccer Club Code of Conduct. In the event that the Code of Conduct is not followed you may be asked to leave a competition. Those who exhibit behaviors that violate KSC Code of Conduct could be subject to additional disciplinary action. The severity of the action will be decided by the KSC board. The parent/guardian that does not follow KSC Code of Conduct will not be allowed to attend a competition until the disciplinary action has been discussed by KSC board with an appropriate form of correction decided.

Coaches will:

- be a positive role model for players and parents by consistently acting in a positive, controlled, and mature manner.
- demonstrate good sportsmanship and expect the same of his/her players.
- learn the rules of soccer and be able to help players advance in their skills relative to their age and ability level.
- maintain the safety and well-being of players.
- make sure players are reminded what is expected of them on the field. Use the player section of this Code of Conduct as a reference.

All players, coaches, parents/guardians and KSC staff members shall abide by the Kearney Soccer Club's Code of Conduct at all times. Any behavior that violates the Code of Conduct may result in disciplinary action by the Kearney Soccer Club Board. This may include, but is not limited to expulsion from the game(s) following the incident, and if necessary, expulsion from Kearney Soccer Club. Disciplinary action will take place at the team level. However, the Kearney Soccer Club board will review incidents as necessary on an individual basis and in closed session.