



Solana Beach Soccer Club Code of Conduct

This guide has been prepared to help players, parents and coaches enjoy and understand the spirit of the game of soccer.

Player's Code

- Play the game for the game's sake
- Be humble when you win
- Be gracious when you lose
- Be fair always, no matter what the cost
- Obey the laws of the game
- Work for the good of your team
- Accept the decisions of the officials with good grace
- Believe in the honesty of your opponents
- Honestly and wholeheartedly applaud the efforts of your teammates AND your opponents. Solana Beach Soccer Club believes the game must provide opportunities for:
 - Fun, enjoyment and recreational satisfaction
 - Achievement, recognition and the pursuit of excellence
 - An increasing level of skill
 - The development of physical, mental, social and emotional fitness
- The type of game that the Association will no support nor tolerate is:
 - That which bring the game into disrepute
 - That which results in physical or mental violence
 - That which is morally indefensible

Parent's Code

Parents should remember:

- Children have more need of example than criticism
- Make athletic participation for your child and others a positive experience; emphasize a play well done rather than dwell on mistakes or criticism.
- Attempt to relieve the pressure of competition, not increase it. A child is easily affected by outside influences.
- Be respectful to your child's coach and to officials. They are volunteers giving personal time and money to provide a recreational activity for your child. They are providing a valuable community service, often with no reward other than the personal satisfaction of having served the community.

- Treat opponents as necessary friends. Without them our child could not participate.
- Applaud good plays by your team and by members of the opposing team.
- Show interest in how the game was played – not who won or lost.
- Between the exuberance of the winner and the disappointment of the loser we find a person called a referee. His job is to see that the game is played safely and fairly. All referees follow the same creed: to watch every move of every player and to call the game to the best of their ability.
 - Do not openly question their judgment and never their honesty. They are a symbol of fair play, integrity and sportsmanship.
- Accept the results of each game. Encourage the child to be humble in victory, and turn defeat to victory by working towards individual improvement.

Coach's Code

- Soccer is a game for having fun.
- Praise your players publicly and offer criticism in private.
- The laws of soccer should be regarded as mutual agreements, which no one should try to evade or break.
- Visiting teams and spectators are honored guests.
- Officials and opponents should be treated and regarded as honest in intention.
- Official decisions should be accepted without looking angry no matter how unfair they may seem. Save questions and comments until the end of the game or halftime.
- Winning is desirable, but winning at any cost defeats the purpose of the game.
- Losing can be a victory when the team has given its best.
- In soccer, as in life, treat others as you would have them treat you.
- Remember not to play favorites. Every player deserves to play equally, but in any case, no less than half a game.

Disputes

The SBSC has a Player Representative who represents the player in a conflict. He can be reached at the SBSC phone number 858-481-7166 (please also refer to Appendix A for current SBSC board member contact information). Ask the representative to contact the individual player or his family.

Conversely, the Division Coordinator represents the coach in such a conflict.

If the conflict cannot be resolved satisfactorily, an appeal to the SBSC Board may be made in person by attending the monthly board meeting – held on the first Wednesday of each month at 7 PM. Call 858-481-7166 to confirm the exact time and location.

Alternatively, a written complaint may be addressed to the SBSC Board at:

P.O. Box 409, Solana Beach, CA 92075