

Oakville Soccer Club

Adult League Code of Conduct



The notion of Fair Play is a universally understood concept, which underpins all of sport. Without fairness, sport is devoid of any meaning or purpose. Worse still, it can be a detrimental experience for its participants.

But Fair Play is also a philosophy – one of respect for others, and respect for the institution of sport. It leads to an agreement, between all those involved in sport, on the values and lessons that we want sport to teach.

Playing fair also has to do with making choices. As we interact with each other in sport, or as spectators of sport, we must regularly consider and define what we think is right and what is not. Sport engages us in a collective effort to pursue human excellence. As we interact with each other in sport, our ability to make good choices about fair play issues matures along with our ability to think and learn about what makes for a rewarding and fulfilling life in society.

In an effort to achieve and maintain fair play, please review the following code of conduct, which is a required set of guidelines for all those participating in OSC's Adult League Programming.

Fair Play Code for Players:

1. I will be respectful and reasonable when communicating with Club staff, match officials and opponents.
2. I will play by the rules, and in the spirit of the game.
3. I will control my temper – fighting and arguing can spoil the activity for everybody.
4. I will respect my opponents.
5. I will respect the facilities that have been made available for me to use and ensure they are left in good condition after my game is finished.
6. I will do my best to be a true team player.
7. I will remember that winning isn't everything.
8. Having fun, socializing with teammates, and enjoying the sport as a collective unit is important.
9. I will acknowledge all good plays/ performances – those of my team and of my opponents.
10. I will remember that officials are there to help me enjoy the sport and facilitate the game for everyone's safety and enjoyment. I will accept their decisions and show them respect.

Fair Play Code for Captains/Coaches:

1. I will be respectful and reasonable when communicating with Club staff, match officials and opponents.
2. I will encourage my players to play fairly and to respect the rules, officials and their opponents.
3. I will ensure that all players get equal instruction, support and playing time.
4. I will not ridicule or argue with opponents. I will remember that players play to have fun.
5. I will ensure I understand the rules and expectations of the Club and communicate them with all my players.

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6. I will make sure that facilities are respected and left in a good condition when my game is finished.

Fair Play Code for Officials:

1. I will arrive on time and prepared to officiate games.
2. I will use common sense to ensure that the game does not lose the “spirit of the game” for the participants, including slowing the game down and calling fouls and offensive behaviour when I see it.
3. Actions speak louder than words. I will ensure that both on and off the field behavior is consistent with the principles of good sportsmanship.
4. I will be consistent, objective and courteous in calling all infractions.
5. I will act to promote fair play at all times.
6. I will create a positive and constructive environment to help the participation and enjoyment of the participants.
7. I will make a personal commitment to keep myself informed on sound officiating principles and the principles of growth and development of participants.
8. I will enjoy the game, be friendly and try to improve my skills every game.

Fair Play Code for Spectators:

1. I will respect all players, participants, officials, and Club staff.
2. I will not interfere with play or be a detriment to the game.
3. I will respect the facilities that have been made available for me to use.
4. I will remember that participants play sport for their enjoyment, not for mine.
5. I will encourage participants to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
6. I will never ridicule or argue with participants or match officials.
7. I will never question the officials’ judgment or honesty in public.
8. I will support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities.