

Mississippi Soccer Association Policy Manual

Code of Ethics for Parents and Spectators

- a. I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, game officials, and administrators at all times.
- b. I will place the emotional and physical well being of all players ahead of any personal desire to win.
- c. I will support the coaches, officials, and administrators working with my child, in order to encourage a positive and enjoyable experience for all.
- d. I will remember that the game is for the players, not for the adults.
- e. I will ask my child to treat other players, coaches, game officials, administrators, and fans with respect.
- f. I will always be positive.
- g. I will always allow the coach to be the only coach.
- h. I will not get into arguments with the opposing team's parents, players, or coaches.
- i. Unless summoned by a game official, I will not come onto the field for any reason during the game.
- j. I will not criticize game officials.
- k. **Alcohol, illegal drugs and unauthorized prescription drugs shall not be possessed, consumed or distributed before, during or after any game or at any other time at the field and/or game complex.**

Failure to comply with the MSA Code of Ethics may result in the suspension of the privilege to participate in MSA sanctioned events, for the following periods:

- **1st offense suspension minimum fifteen (15) days to a maximum of Five (5) years**
- **2nd offense suspension for a minimum of one (1) year to a maximum of Ten (10) years**
- **3rd offense suspension for a minimum of five (5) years to a maximum of Twenty five (25) years.**

NOTE: Any individual charged with a violation of this Code of Ethics, except for cautions and send-offs as stated in the Laws of the Game, Tournament Rules or MSA Disciplinary policy including allegations of referee abuse or assault, shall be afforded due process as defined in MSA's rules before the implementation of any suspension.