



Bedford Soccer Association (BSA)

Address: 2 Bluewater Rd #218, Bedford, NS B4B 1G7

Code of Conduct

Coaches and Parents should be held to a standard of behavior that provides a positive environment for their child's soccer experience. Parents pledge to be good spectators; to assess the philosophy of the coach and league, to make sure it matches the child's needs; to understand that all children are gifted but not in equal ways; to provide unconditional support; and to pay attention to see if their child is having fun, learning, and improving - as opposed to just winning.

Parents' Code of Ethics

I hereby pledge to provide care, positive support and encouragement to my child while they participate in soccer, by following this Parents' Code of Ethics Pledge.

- I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, and officials at every game, practice, tournament or other soccer events.
- I will place the emotional and physical well being of my child ahead of a personal desire to win.
- I will ensure that my child plays in a safe and healthy environment.
- I will support coaches and officials working with my child, in order to encourage a positive and enjoyable experience for all.
- I promise to support a soccer environment that is free of drugs, tobacco and alcohol, for my child and will refrain from their use at all soccer events.
- I will remember that the game is for youth overall development - not for adults.
- I will do my very best to make soccer fun for my child.
- I will ask my child to treat other players, coaches, fans, and officials, with respect regardless of race, sex, creed, or ability.
- I promise to help my child enjoy the youth sports experience by doing whatever I can, such as, being a respectable fan, assisting with coaching, or providing transportation.
- *Failure to abide by any of the code of conduct shall result in a review by the Bedford Soccer Association (BSA)'s disciplinary committee and may result in disciplinary actions from BSA.*

Parent's Name: Child's Team (Age group):

Signature:

Date:



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Social Media Code of Conduct

As players, coaches and Board Members of Bedford Soccer Association, we have the responsibility to portray ourselves, our team, and Bedford Soccer Association in a positive manner always.

Social networking sites such as Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and others provide individuals with an opportunity to interact with many new people and connect with current friends. Postings on personal profiles, groups and forums are in the public domain and easily accessible by anyone including Soccer Nova Scotia, Bedford Soccer Association, league officials, reporters, parents, coaches, predators, employers, school officials, and law enforcement.

Once information is posted, it can be accessed by computer savvy individuals and even retrieved after it has been deleted – including pictures, videos, comments and posts. Inappropriate material found by third parties affects the perception of the player, coach and Bedford Soccer Association. This can be detrimental to a player, coach, or Board Member's future and reputation.

While Bedford Soccer Association does not prohibit an individual's involvement with Internet-based social networking communities, this high standard of honor and dignity encompasses comments and postings made to Internet sites. Bedford Soccer Association reserves the right to act against any currently enrolled member engaged in behavior that violates Bedford Soccer Association, teams, players, officials, league, etc., including such behavior that occurs in postings on the Internet.

For your own safety, please keep the following recommendations in mind as you participate in social networking websites:

- Think twice before posting. If you wouldn't want your parents, coaches, or future employer to see your post, don't post it.
- Understand and use privacy settings. Ideally, you should set security settings so only your friends can view your profile
- You should not post your email, home address, local address, telephone number(s), or other personal information as it could lead to unwanted attention, stalking, identity theft, etc.