

Code of Conduct

Sporting Indiana FC / Geist Area Soccer Club

General Principles:

- SIFC will not tolerate sexual, racial, or any other type of discrimination.
- SIFC will encourage an atmosphere of openness, cooperation, respect and support.
- SIFC will encourage loyalty within the Club and the team.
- SIFC members will positively promote the image and development of the game of soccer.

FIFA CODE OF CONDUCT

SIFC endorses FIFA's rules for fair play:

Play the game for the game's sake.

Be generous when you win.

Be graceful 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.

Conduct yourself with honor and dignity.

SPORTING INDIANA FC PLAYERS CODE OF CONDUCT

- Understand the laws of the game and play by them.
- Be punctual and prepared for all training sessions and games. (Equipment on, dressed appropriately, stretched).
- Cooperate and be respectful to all coaches, teammates, opponents, and match officials.
- Support your teammates, Club members, teams and coaches.
- Be gracious in victory and dignified in defeat.
- Do not talk to fans during matches.
- Do not argue with officials.
- Talk to opposing players should be limited to congratulations and offers of assistance.
- Do not use abusive or profane language.
- Fighting or physical violence will result in a mandatory suspension; fighting after a suspension may result in dismissal from SIFC.
- Sexual misconduct of any nature will not be tolerated and will result in immediate expulsion. A formal investigation will be conducted in accordance of the law. Sporting Indiana FC/Geist Area Soccer Club have a Zero-Tolerance Policy.
- The SIFC board will review the status of any player who is ejected from two games in a 12-month period or accumulates excessive cautions.
- No consumption of alcohol, tobacco or illegal drugs.

Sporting Indiana FC Coaches Code of Conduct:

- Understand the laws of the game and ensure that players understand and follow them.
- Be punctual and prepared for all training sessions and games.
- Show respect for your players and opponents.
- Do not use abusive or profane language.
- Be gracious in victory and dignified in defeat.
- The Director of Coaching will review the status of any coach who is ejected from a game. The SIFC board will review a second ejection.
- Do not talk to fans, opposing players, or opposing coaches during games, except to offer congratulations or assistance.
- Coaching from the sidelines during games should be limited and positive.
- Do not argue with officials.
- Do not criticize a player in front of other players.
- Support other SIFC coaches, teams, and players.
- Wear appropriate SIFC attire to all training sessions and games in accordance with club and coaching contracts.
- Tobacco, alcohol, and non-prescription drugs are prohibited during all training sessions and games. In addition, coaches are not permitted from consuming tobacco or alcohol in front of players at any time.
- Coaches are strongly encouraged to refrain from attending tournaments or games with persons of the opposite sex to whom they are not married where an overnight stay in a hotel is required.
- Improper contact or relationships with players, members or other staff will result in immediate expulsion. An immediate formal investigation will be performed to uphold the law. Sporting Indiana FC/Geist Area Soccer Club have a Zero-Tolerance Policy.

SIFC Parents Code of Conduct:

- Provide only positive support during games.
- Refrain from attempting to coach your child from the sidelines.
- Do not criticize your child's teammates or coaches in the presence of your child or his/her teammates.
- Do not talk to players or coaches for either team during matches, except to offer support, congratulations or assistance.
- No abusive or profane language.
- Do not argue with officials.
- Be gracious in victory and dignified in defeat.
- Parents will not knowingly participate in or knowingly permit violation or circumvention of SIFC, IYSA, USYSA, or US Club rules.
- Do not argue with opposing fans.
- Do not criticize opponents in the presence of them or their fans.
- Fighting or physical violence will result in automatic suspension from SIFC premises and activities. Repeat violations will result in expulsion from the Club. Ejection of a parent during a match including step parents or legal guardian for inappropriate

behavior will include a written warning and review of the parents Code of Conduct. A second incident of ejection will result in suspension from SIFC premises and activities. Any incident involving a SIFC parent including stepparents or legal guardian who is ejected from a soccer match must have that incident documented by the team manager(s) within 48 hours of the incident. The documentation will be submitted to the SIFCC Executive Director and the SIFC Risk Manager for review and action. The SIFC board will review the status of any parent who is ejected from a game. If you have a problem with a member of the SIFC coaching staff, please give a 48-hour cooling off period before contacting the individual concerned.

Violations:

- Coaches have primary responsibility for addressing violations by players.

The Directors of Coaching have primary responsibility for addressing violations by coaches.

Team managers have primary responsibility for addressing violations by parents, in consultation with the SIFC Board member responsible for the age group involved. The Board of Directors will address serious or repeated violations.

- Sanctions that may be imposed include, but are not limited to, reprimand, suspension from team or Club activities and facilities, and in extreme cases, expulsion from the Club. When appropriate, the Board of Directors will report violations to IYSA, USYSA or US Club. SIFC will support and impose all sanctions recommended or imposed by IYSA,USYSA or US CLUB.