



BLOOMSBURG TRAPPERS SOCCER CLUB

Code of Conduct

The **Mission** of Bloomberg Trappers Soccer Club (BTSC) is to promote youth player development via opportunities for training and competition. We aim to help young athletes develop a love of the game and learn the physical skills, technical knowledge, and in-game problem solving abilities that soccer requires. Coaches should aim to win competitions, but player development is of primary importance and so should be given serious consideration before every training session and before and during every competitive match.

While fulfilling the Mission, all officers, coaches, players, volunteers, and parents/guardians associated with BTSC are expected to follow this Code of Conduct. Failure to abide by this Code of Conduct may result in the probation/suspension for the team/coach in question at a minimum. In extreme situations, the BTSC Board will convene to determine additional action, up to and including expulsion from the BTSC.

1. Members of the club will be held to a zero tolerance for vulgarity. Any player/parent/coach/board member/spectator who is involved with this type of infraction is subject to probation, fines, or removal of player's/coach's pass.
2. No verbal or physical abuse of any referee responsible for a match involving a BTSC team is permitted.
3. No participants in the BTSC shall engage in the use of abusive language, physical abuse, harassment, or intimidation of any kind against any other participant, including coaches, assistant coaches, players, volunteers, parents and spectators.
4. Head coaches shall be responsible for the behavior of assistant coaches, players, parents and spectators.
5. All officers, coaches and assistant coaches representing BTSC must maintain reasonable composure at all times during BTSC-affiliated activities.
6. If any officer, coach, player, volunteer, or parent/guardian involved in any BTSC-affiliated activity perceives that this Code of Conduct has been violated, they have the right to report the perceived violation to the BTSC Executive Board for investigation.
7. The BTSC Code of Conduct shall not be limited to the above six guidelines. Any conduct that is perceived to undermine the Mission of the BTSC may be deemed a violation of this Code of Conduct and shall be addressed by the BTSC Executive Board.



BLOOMSBURG TRAPPERS SOCCER CLUB Code of Conduct Pledge

Whether I am a player, coach, parent, or volunteer, I understand the reputation of our club and the “life skills” learned as a result of my participation are largely dependent on behaviors observed before, during, and after practices and games. I pledge to:

- *Commit to doing my best*
- *Assume referees, coaches, and other players are also doing their best.*
- *Have fun!*
- *Be respectful and unselfish toward others*
- *Have a positive attitude.*
- *Abide by the rules of the game.*
- *Conduct myself with honor, dignity, and integrity at all times.*
- *Applaud the efforts of teammates and opponents.*
- *Lead by example and encouragement, not criticism.*
- *Be generous in victory and gracious in defeat.*
- *Keep things in perspective.*
- *Encourage, participate, and play “passionately”.*

By signing below, I pledge to abide by the above statements and to follow the rules outlined in the BTSC Code of Conduct. I understand that my role as a player, coach, parent/guardian, or volunteer is absolutely critical in creating a positive, nurturing environment for all youth involved in the BTSC.

Player Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Coach Signature

Date

Team Affiliation