



OSHAWA KICKS SOCCER CLUB

Oshawa Kicks Soccer Club – Adult League Code of Conduct

The purpose of the OKSC Adult League Code of Conduct is to create and encourage ethical, fair treatment of all individuals and teams that are members of the Oshawa Kicks Soccer Club (OKSC) along with other members of our community including but not limited to, match officials, league representatives, club staff and City of Oshawa facility staff. Some of the sections of the Code are more applicable than others to certain groups within the OKSC, however, all are critical to the proper organization and running of the OKSC Adult League. The following Code of Conduct will apply to all Adult League members and people participating in any OKSC Club activities.

As a member of the OKSC and/or a participant you should meet the following requirements regarding your conduct during any OKSC sanctioned activity:

General Conduct of the OKSC:

- Respect the human rights, dignity and the worth of others.
- Be honest, fair, considerate and accept responsibility for your actions.
- Be aware of, and always maintain the standards, rules, regulations, and policies of the OKSC Adult League.
- Operate within the Constitution, Policies, Procedures, as well as the Rules and Regulations of the OKSC, Ontario Soccer, Canada Soccer, and FIFA.
- Understand the possible consequences of breaking the OKSC Code of Conduct.
- Report any breaches of OKSC Members to the appropriate authority.
- Comply with all Local, Provincial, and National legislation that applies.
- Refrain from any form of abuse towards self and others.
- Refrain from using any obscene language and gestures.
- Refrain from any form of harassment towards others.
- Refrain from any form of discrimination towards others.
- Refrain from any form of victimization towards others.
- Reject corruption, drugs, racism, violence and other dangers to our sport.
- Promote soccer in the community.
- Provide a safe environment for soccer to be played in Oshawa and Ontario.
- Show concern and caution towards others who could be sick or injured.
- Be a positive role model for those watching you compete



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Social Media & Media Relations:

- Do not make inappropriate comments on social media or other forms of public communication
- Do not make comments to the media, or write any comment (including website material), on behalf of the OKSC
- Do not speak to media in a negative fashion or publish any negative comment (including website material) regarding the OKSC.
- Never act in any way that may bring disrepute or disgrace to the OKSC or its members, sponsors, and or potential sponsors.

Players, Contacts, Coaches, and Team, Code of Conduct:

- Foul language and Gestures on the field is unacceptable; it only ignites anger and leads to conflict.
- Foul Language and Gestures, threatening behaviour at or from the sidelines is unacceptable. The team contact will be held accountable for the actions and words of those players on the bench and especially for the teams' fans who demonstrate unacceptable or demonstrative behaviour before, during and after a game.
- The team captain/contact should be easily identifiable and responsible enough to calm down irate players and should proactively attempt to diffuse heated situations.
- Players must demonstrate restraint and more importantly respect for the decisions of the officials, whether they agree or disagree. The officials are responsible for many things during a match, including the safety of everyone at the match. If tension persists within the league, we will see officials refusing to accept our matches. If availability of officials continues to drop the OKSC will need to make important decisions regarding cutting back the number of matches to suit the number of available officials.
- If you have a complaint about an official, PUT IT IN WRITING to the appropriate authorities. DO NOT APPROACH THE OFFICIAL DURING **OR** AFTER THE MATCH.

The team captain or designate should assert their position with the team that they are the **ONLY** person to approach the official during or after a match to achieve clarification on a decision or rule of the match.



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Sportsmanship is one of the main objectives of the OKSC and unsporting behaviour will result in disciplinary action as per the Ontario Soccer Discipline Procedures. Continued issues with the same player or within the same team may result in expulsion from the league of that player or team without refund.

The Oshawa Kicks Soccer Club Adult League will assume that all its Membership including players, teams, clubs, referee's, administrators, coaches, contacts, volunteers, fans, parents or guardians, etc. will all understand the possible consequences of breaching the Code of Conduct and ensure that they abide by the Code.

The responsibility to share this information with any non OKSC member (i.e. spectators, parents or guardians) lies with the Team Captain or Team Representative.

Any serious breaches of this Code of Conduct, or persistent violations of any aspect of the Code of Conduct, by any of the above may result in any of the following being imposed:

- Suspension
- Additional team bond will be imposed
- Fines
- Loss of matches
- Expulsion from league or
- Any other punishment determined by the OKSC Staff and Discipline Panel.



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