

Old Bridge Soccer Club

Athletic Code of Conduct



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The Old Bridge Soccer Club follows the Old Bridge Townships Code of Conduct. This law is in effect for all Old Bridge Township Youth Sport organizations.

We have included the Code of Conduct into our registration process. You cannot successfully register with our league unless you click the "I agree" button within the registration. Clicking this button means you have read and agree to all terms listed in this document. This applies to all family members.

Old Bridge Township – Athletic Code of Conduct

I hereby pledge to be responsible for my words and actions while attending, coaching, or participating in a youth sports event and shall conform my behavior to the following code of conduct:

1. I will not engage in unsportsmanlike conduct with any coach, parent, player, participant, league official or any other attendee.
2. I will not encourage my child to engage in unsportsmanlike conduct with any coach, parent, player, participant, league official or any other attendee.
3. I will not engage in any behavior, which would endanger the health, safety or well-being of any coach, parent, player, participant, league official or any other attendee.
4. I will not encourage my child to engage in any behavior, which would endanger the health, safe or well-being of any coach, parent, player, participant, league official or any other attendee.
5. I will not use drugs or alcohol while at a youth sports event and will not attend, coach, or participate in a youth sports event while under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
6. I will not permit my child to use drugs or alcohol at a youth sporting event and will not permit my child to attend or participate in youth sports event while under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
7. I will not engage in the use of profanity while attending, coaching, or participating in youth sports events.
8. I will not encourage my child to engage in the use of profanity while attending or participating in a youth sports event.
9. I will treat any coach, parent, player, participant, league official or any other attendee with respect regardless of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, or ability.
10. I will encourage my child to treat any coach, parent, player, participant, league official or any other attendee with respect regardless of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, or ability.
11. I will not engage in verbal or physical threats or abuse aimed at any coach, parent, player, participant, league official or any other attendee.
12. I will not encourage my child to engage in verbal or physical threats or abuse aimed at any coach, parent, player, participant, league official or any other attendee.
13. I will not initiate a fight or scuffle with any coach, parent, player, participant, league official or any other attendee.
14. I will not encourage my child to not initiate a fight or scuffle with any coach, parent, player, participant, league official or any other attendee.

Coaches – Athletic Code of Ethics

I understand that my responsibilities as a youth coach are of great importance and that my actions have the potential to significantly influence the young athletes I coach. Therefore, I promise to uphold the following rights of young athletes to the best of my ability.

- I. Right to have fun in sports.
- II. Right to participate in sports.
- III. Right to participate at a level commensurate with each child's maturity and ability.
- IV. Right to have qualified adult leadership.
- V. Right to as a child and not as an adult.
- VI. Right of child to share in the leadership and decision-making of their sport participation.
- VII. Right to participate in safe and healthy environments.
- VIII. Right to proper preparation for participation in sports.
- IX. Right to an equal opportunity to strive for success.
- X. Right to be treated with dignity.

I also promise to conduct myself in accordance with the Code of Ethics for Coaches as given next:

1. I will treat each athlete, opposing coach, league official, parent and administrator with respect and dignity.
2. I will do my best to learn the fundamental skills, teaching and evaluation techniques and strategies of my sport.
3. I will become thoroughly familiar with the rules of my sport.
4. I will become familiar with the objectives of the youth sport program with which I am affiliated. I will strive to achieve these objectives and communicate them to my athletes and their parents.
5. I will uphold the authority of league officials who are assigned to the contests in which I coach, and I will assist them in every way to conduct fair and impartial competitive contests.
6. I will learn the strengths and weaknesses of my athletes so I might place them in situations where they have a maximum opportunity to achieve success.
7. I will conduct my practices and games so that all athletes have an opportunity to improve their skill level through active participation.
8. I will communicate to my athletes and their parents the rights and responsibilities of individuals on our team.
9. I will cooperate with the administration of our organization in the enforcement of rules and regulations, and I will report any irregularities that violate sound competitive practices.
10. I will protect the health and safety of my athletes by insisting that all the activities under my control are conducted for the psychological welfare, rather than for vicarious interests of adults.
11. I will not tolerate any form of abuse of children, be it physical, verbal, emotional, ethical, or sexual and will immediately report any such abuse to the proper authorities.
12. I will not encourage my child to engage in verbal or physical threats or abuse aimed at any coach, parent, player, participant, league official or any other attendee.
13. I will view the Saint Barnabas tape.

With my signature, which I voluntarily affix to this pledge, I acknowledge that I have read, understood, and will do my best to fulfill the promises made herein.

Print Name of Coach

Signature of Coach

Date

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Youth sports team organization may ban the presence of a person at a youth sports event in accordance with the following guidelines:

1. A coach, parent, player, participant, league official or other youth sports event attendee who violates one or more of the provisions contained in the Athletic Code of Conduct maybe banned for attending, coaching or participating in at least one youth sports event if the person;
 - I. Has been issued a prior written warning for violating one or more of the provisions contained in the Athletic Code of Conduct,
 - II. Violates the Athletic Code of Conduct by engaging in verbal or physical threats or abuse aimed at any coach, parent, player, participant, league official or any other attendee.
2. Any such person who violates the Athletic Code of Conduct by initiating a fight or scuffle with any coach, parent, participant, league official or any other attendee will be banned for one (1) calendar year from the time of infraction.
3. A coach, player, parent, participant, league official or other youth sports event attendee may attend, coach or participate in a youth sports event from which the person has been banned pursuant to the provisions of Section 1 of these Model Policies if the person;
 - I. Provides a written request from permission to resume participation or attendance to the youth sports team organization which issued the ban,
 - II. Provides a written apology to the youth sports team organization which issued the ban, and the person or persons who were the subject of the behavior which constituted the violation of the Code, as directed by the youth sports team organization.
4. a. An anger management counseling program shall, at a minimum, offer services to individuals, singly or in groups, for the purposes of promoting anger control principles and shall be administered by an individual;
 - I. licensed as a professional counselor pursuant to the provisions of the “Professional Counselor Licensing Act,” N.J.S.A. 45:8B-33 et seq., or
 - II. licensed as a practicing psychologist pursuant to the provisions the “Practicing Psychology Licensing Act.” N.J.S.A. 45:14B-1 et esq.b. Nothing contained in the policies shall prohibit a youth sports team organization from requiring a person banned pursuant to the provisions of these Policies to complete an anger management-counseling program specified by such board or organization.

I hereby agree that if I fail to confirm my conduct to the foregoing while attending, coaching, or participating in a youth sports event I will be subject to disciplinary action.

Print Name of Coach

Signature of Coach

Date