



## Greater Pittston Stoners Youth Soccer Association Fall 2015 - Player Code of Conduct (U-13 to U-18)

### *Preamble*

The essential elements of character-building and ethics in sports are embodied in the concept of sportsmanship and six core principles: Trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and good citizenship. The highest potential of sports is achieved when competition reflects these "six pillars of character".

### *I, therefore, agree:*

1. I will play soccer because I want to, not because others want me to.
2. I will remember that soccer is an opportunity to learn and have fun.
3. I will encourage good sportsmanship from fellow players, coaches, officials and parents at all times.
4. I will remember that winning isn't everything, that having fun, playing fair, improving my skills, making friends, and giving my best efforts are the most important aspects of youth soccer.
5. I deserve to play in an environment that is free of drugs, tobacco, and alcohol; and expect everyone to refrain from their use at all soccer games.
6. I will do the best I can each day, remembering that all players have talents and weaknesses, the same as I do.
7. I will treat my coaches, other players and coaches, and fans with respect at all times; regardless of race, sex, creed, or abilities, and I will expect to be treated accordingly.
8. I will follow coaching direction and will not be disruptive during practice or games, nor will I "mouth off" or use bad language.
9. If I have a problem with something, I will discuss it with my coach at the earliest opportunity, rather than let it grow into a bigger problem later on.
10. I will be on time for practices and games and will notify my coach if I cannot attend. I will make every effort to attend all games and practices.
11. I will concentrate on playing soccer by always giving my best effort, both in practice and in games.
12. I will respect my opponents, whether they have more or less ability than me and regardless of whether I win or lose.
13. I will be modest and respectful when I win, and gracious when I lose.
14. I will show respect for the authority of the referee, even though I may sometimes disagree with his or her calls.
15. I will control my temper, resist the temptation to retaliate, and exercise self-control.
16. I will play by the rules at all times, and if I don't understand the rules, will attempt to learn them so I can become a better player.
17. I will conduct myself with honor and dignity and treat other players as I would like to be treated. I know that at all times, I represent the Greater Pittston Stoners Youth Soccer Association, my team and my town.

**Failure to adhere to this code of conduct will result in disciplinary action or my removal from the Greater Pittston Stoners Youth Soccer Association.**

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*Player Name (Please Print Clearly):*

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*Player Age*

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*Parent/Guardian Signature*

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*Date*