



Duke City Soccer League & Elite FC Present

The 33rd Annual Gaylord Sheppard Memorial Soccer Tournament

COACH'S GUIDELINES FOR TEAM CONDUCT

The following are the guidelines for your team's conduct. Please inform your players, team parents, and other spectators of these guidelines; then sign below to indicate that you have done so, and bring the signed form with you to the [Teams Credentials' Check-In](#). Please be aware that these guidelines will be strictly enforced.

1. NO coach, spectator, or bench personnel are to enter the field of play during a match, ***PARTICULARLY*** if an incident occurs on the field. Coaches and substitutes may enter the field **ONLY** when indicated to do so by the Referee.
2. **ONLY** the team captains or coaches of the team may address the Referee before, during, and after a match, and then only for information, and not to question decisions. Remember, this applies from the time the Referee arrives at the site until he/she leaves, and not just during the match.
3. **UNDER NO** circumstance should anyone **EVER** touch a Referee. Please be aware that just touching a Referee can be judged as an assault on that Referee.
4. **WE** are interested in providing the best officiating that we can, and a significant amount of effort goes into that process. Please do not directly address referees with your comments. Instead, please put your comments down **in writing** and bring them by the Tournament Headquarters at the fields. We will forward these comments on to the Referee Administrators and we will also use the information to improve upon our referee scheduling in the future.

Violations of these guidelines may result in barring the offending person(s) from the fields, suspension or cancellation of matches, or ejection of person(s) or entire team(s) from the tournament, without any refunds or any other considerations whatsoever. Also, ALL infractions will be reported to the respective state associations.

I have received copies of the official Tournament Match Schedules and Tournament Rules, and have notified my players, team parents, and other spectators on my team of these Rules & Guidelines about proper tournament conduct.

Team Name/Age Group/Gender: _____

Coach's Name: _____

Coach's Cellphone Number: () _____

Coach's Signature: _____