



TAVISTOCK TORNADOES OPTIMIST YOUTH SOCCER PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT



As a Tavistock Tornadoes Optimist Youth soccer player, I recognize that my behavior on and off the field reflects my commitment to the sport, my teammates, my coaches, and myself. To ensure a positive experience for everyone involved, I agree to abide by the following principles:

1. Respect for the Game and Its Participants

- I will show respect to all players, coaches, referees, spectators, and league officials.
- I will respect the decisions of referees and officials, understanding they are integral to the game.
- I will play fairly and within the rules, avoiding unsportsmanlike behavior.

2. Commitment to Teamwork

- I will support my teammates, celebrate their successes, and encourage them during challenges.
- I will attend practices, games, and team events regularly and notify my coach if I cannot attend.
- I will strive to communicate positively and constructively with my teammates and coaches.

3. Personal Responsibility

- I will arrive on time, prepared, and with the proper equipment for practices and games.
- I will put forth my best effort, focusing on improving my skills and contributing to the team.
- I will maintain a positive attitude, regardless of the score or outcome of the game.

4. Sportsmanship

- I will win with humility and lose with grace, always showing respect to my opponents.
- I will avoid negative comments, taunting, or retaliatory behavior.
- I will not engage in bullying, discrimination, or harassment of any kind.

5. Commitment to Safety

- I will play in a manner that promotes safety for myself and others.
- I will report any injuries or concerns to my coach or team officials promptly.
- I will refrain from using foul language, drugs, alcohol, or any prohibited substances.

6. Role as a Representative

- I understand that I represent my team, the Tavistock Tornadoes Optimist Youth Soccer club, and my community and will act responsibly on and off the field.
- I will demonstrate respect and responsibility in my interactions online and on social media.

Acknowledgment

By clicking this box, I acknowledge that my player has read, understood, and agreed to uphold these principles. My player and I understand that failure to comply may result in disciplinary action, including reduced playing time, suspension, or removal from the team or club.

Disciplinary Action

Tavistock Tornadoes Optimist Youth Soccer is adopting a zero tolerance policy and failure to adhere to this Code of Conduct will result in appropriate disciplinary action at the discretion of the executive team of Tavistock Tornadoes Optimist Youth Soccer:

- a) Disciplinary Action for Code of Conduct infractions will follow a multi-tiered disciplinary approach, with the severity of the penalty increasing for each subsequent infraction. However, the executive of Tavistock Tornadoes Optimist Youth Soccer reserves the right to impose a more severe penalty than the next subsequent tier in the process should the infraction warrant such a penalty. The penalties in increasing order of severity are as follows:
 - i) 1st Infraction- leave the game and incur a single game suspension
 - ii) 2nd infraction- leave the game and incur a multi game suspension
 - iii) 3rd infraction- leave the game and incur a season long suspension
 - iv) 4th infraction-removal from Tavistock Tornadoes Optimist Youth Soccer participation
- b) All reports of Code of Conduct infractions must be submitted in writing to an executive member of the Tavistock Tornadoes Optimist Youth Soccer and will be subject to the outcome of the executive meeting.
- c) Participation may be revoked at any time to an individual who has been deemed by the executive of Tavistock Tornadoes Optimist Youth Soccer to be in contravention of the clubs code of conduct. Such action shall only result after a review and a majority vote of the soccer executive.