



Michiana Echo Soccer Club | Code of Conduct

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As a parent or guardian of a Michiana Echo soccer player, I agree to the following:

I understand my obligation to maintain a positive demeanor at Echo events because of the great potential that I have to be a positive influence on young people.

- I will strive to be a role model of sportsmanship on the sidelines during the game and afterwards.
- I know that I may not enter the field of play without the express consent of the Center Referee.
- I will be respectful of the other team's spectators and will not engage in any negative provocations with them.
- I will treat, and I will work with my child to treat, all players, coaches, spectators, and officials with respect and dignity and will not tolerate any manner of abuse or harassment of any kind of others.
- I will place the emotional and physical well-being of my child ahead of any personal desire to win.
- I will not use alcohol, tobacco, or illegal drugs at any Echo soccer event.

I will respect the coaches' and players' efforts.

- I will model positive behavior to my child and other parents and fans by refraining from providing coaching instruction before, during, or after a match to the players.
- I understand that the coach is the Echo representative at the game field.
- I will work with the coaches to ensure that my child acts appropriately at all Echo events.
- I will work with my child to ensure he or she is on time to practice and games with proper equipment and will let the coach know if he or she will be absent or if he or she is not feeling well or is injured.

I will respect the efforts of the officials at each soccer game.

- I will model positive behavior to my son or daughter and other parents and fans by refraining from criticizing the actions of an official prior to, during or after a match regardless of my personal views.
- I will encourage my son or daughter to respect the officials and encourage him or her to learn from the officials and will work to correct any inappropriate behavior that may occur.
- I will not tolerate any inappropriate behavior from any Echo fan toward an official and will politely remind that fan that such behavior is not condoned at Echo.



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I will adhere to the following problem resolution standards for non-emergency soccer matters:

1. Player discussion with coach. The player should first discuss the matter directly with the coach before or after practice if they are of an appropriate age and maturity to do so. This approach teaches our children valuable communication skills and provides an opportunity for the coach to address the issue directly with the player.
2. Parent discussion with coach. If the problem has not been resolved after a reasonable effort at step 1, contact the coach to make an appointment to discuss the matter. You may not discuss the matter with the coach before, during, or after practices or games or without an appointment. You must wait 24 hours after any game before contacting the coach.
3. Parent discussion with Director of Coaching. If the problem has not been resolved after a reasonable effort at steps 1 and 2, contact the appropriate director of coaching to make an appointment to discuss the matter.
4. The director of coaching will involve the board of directors as appropriate.

I will always do my best to make my child's involvement with Echo soccer a positive experience, while always remembering that the game is for the youth, not the adults. I have read the foregoing and understand that, if I do not adhere to the foregoing statements, disciplinary action may result that could include any or all of the following outcomes:

- Verbal warning by game official, coach, and/or Club representative.
- Written warning by Club Director of Coaching which may include suspension from attendance at games or practices
- Expulsion from the club with written documentation kept by the Club on file