

# Minnesota Youth Soccer Association

## Conduct and Sanctions Policy Manual



# **POLICIES OF MYSA ON CONDUCT AND SANCTIONS**

## **1.0 Honor Code**

All players, coaches, referees, club officials and administrators registered with MYSA, and MYSA officials and administrators, shall report any breach of US Youth Soccer or MYSA bylaws or policies to MYSA for investigation and disposition. The failure to report a known violation is the equivalent to committing the violation. Violators are expected to voluntarily resign.

## **2.0 Prohibited Behaviors**

- a. During a soccer season, a player, coach, referee, club official or administrator, MYSA official or administrator, or spectator, shall not engage in racial, religious, or sexual harassment or violence.
- b. Before, during, or after an MYSA sponsored or sanctioned activity, a player, coach, referee, club official or administrator, MYSA official or administrator, or spectator, shall not:
  1. engage in violent behavior.
  2. engage in taunting or showboating.
  3. vandalize public or private property.
  4. use inappropriate language.
- c. During a soccer season, regardless of quantity, a player shall not:
  1. use a beverage containing alcohol; or
  2. use or consume, have in possession, buy, sell, or give away any other controlled substance.
- d. An individual attending an MYSA sponsored or sanctioned game shall not:
  1. use or consume, buy, sell or give away: any beverage containing alcohol; tobacco in any form; or any other controlled substance while present at the playing venue. This policy does not apply to properly prescribed medication.
  2. wager or gamble on its outcome.
- e. An individual shall not harass an MYSA or club official, referee, coach or player.

## **3.0 Sanctions**

- a. Violations of MYSA policies may result in the imposition of sanctions as determined and set forth by MYSA from time to time. Sanctions may include but are not limited to: verbal or written warning; game(s) suspension; partial or full season suspension; suspension for a defined period of time; temporary or permanent banishment; and fines.
- b. Players, coaches, and spectators are cautioned that sanctions imposed for violations of Section 2.0 *Prohibited Behaviors* are in addition to any discipline which may be imposed by a match official during a MYSA sanctioned game.