

SSA Parent Code of Conduct

The **mission** of SSA is to provide a means of recreation to all the children of Seymour while promoting the sport of soccer and developing the skills of individual players. SSA's **vision** is to create and encourage an environment consistent with good sportsmanship, physical fitness, respect, team play, and having fun.

The **objectives** of SSA are:

- To educate players and coaches in the skills of soccer;
 - To stress positive attitudes, equal opportunity, and fair play; and
 - To support, promote, and assist the development of soccer in the Town of Seymour at the Elementary, Middle, and High School levels.
1. **Do not argue with the referees.** You may not agree with the referees' decisions but it is not your position to officiate or yell at the referees. The coaches will communicate with the referees when necessary.
 2. **Support all of the players on both teams.** All of the players on the field should be encouraged and supported. Respect the players and coaches from both teams and support their efforts.
 3. **Let the coach "coach."** Please do not become a distraction or undermine the authority of the coach. Players become confused when they receive too much information especially when it comes from someone other than their coach.
 4. **Support SSA and your team.** Get involved and volunteer by becoming a coach, assistant coach, or team manager. Participate in team activities such as fundraisers, car pools, and providing half-time snacks.
 5. **Understand the Rules and Laws of Soccer.** Obtain a copy of the official rules and become familiar with them before you take exception to a referee's decision. Understanding the reason why a rule is enforced or not enforced will make it easier to enjoy the game. You can also see the SSA website for our Inhouse Program Division 1 & 2 Simplified Soccer Laws.
 6. **Keep the game in its proper perspective.** Soccer is a game played for the enjoyment of those who participate. It involves running, foot skills, passing, shooting, and playing defense. The objective for each player should be to improve their skills during each practice and game, not "*winning at all costs.*"
 7. **Teaching and supporting player responsibility.** Players and parents need to understand the importance of arriving on time to all practices and games. Players need to be properly attired and fully ready to participate.
 8. **Parents and spectators.** All parents and spectators shall behave in a sportsmanlike, dignified manner and remain on the side of the field opposite the players. Inappropriate conduct and language will not be tolerated. SSA reserves the right for its volunteers to remove spectators from any field and for SSA to thereafter take any further necessary disciplinary action, up to and including suspension. Parents and coaches are not allowed behind the goals during play.
 9. **Playing time.** CJSA and SSA recreation soccer rules provide that each player must participate in at least 50% of the game except in cases of injury, illness, or discipline. If you have questions regarding your child's playing time please contact your coach.

10. Twenty-Four (24) Hour Rule. A parent must wait *at least 24 hours* after any game before initiating contact with a coach to discuss said game. Use of electronic communication or social media to criticize SSA, its volunteers, or its representatives will not be tolerated.

By signing below, you (the parent or guardian) further agree to:

- Abide by and uphold the afore-mentioned SSA Parent Code of Conduct conditions (including your guests);
- Support and allow your child’s coach to do their job and not interfere with or negatively influence what the coach is trying to achieve;
- Respect and encourage all players; and
- Represent SSA and the Town of Seymour appropriately at all SSA events.

I/We have read, understand, and fully agree with all conditions of the SSA Parent Code of Conduct. I/We agree to abide by the conditions and rules referenced herein. I/We also agree to accept all actions taken by SSA for any failure to adhere to any of the Code conditions.

Printed Name of Child(ren): _____

Printed name of Parent: _____

Signature of Parent: _____

Date: _____

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Date: _____