



NATIONAL CAPITAL AMATEUR FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

CODE OF CONDUCT

Preamble

Consistent with the objectives of the National Capital Amateur Football Association (NCAFA) as state in Article 2 of the *NCAFA Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules and Regulations (2002)*, the following sections are intended as guidelines to the standards of conduct, ethical principles, and behaviours expected of all league participants, including players, parents/guardians, coaches, administrators, volunteers, and officials.

These guidelines in no way derogate from the authority of NCAFA with respect to sanctions and the operation of the league's disciplinary committee, as described in Section 5.2.

5.2 Suspensions

A player or team official ejected from a game and whose ejection is reported on the game sheet by the head official shall be automatically suspended for the following game as well. Any team official ejected or suspended from a game may sit as a fan spectator only and NOT participate in any way whatsoever. Only in exceptional cases and at the discretion of the Disciplinary Subcommittee or the President, on the basis of a report from game officials and the convenor(s), may the suspension be waived. A second ejection reported on the game sheet by the head official carries an automatic season suspension. This regulation applies to all NCAFA sanctioned games, including all-star, pre-season, regular season, playoffs, and championships, and games played outside of the NCAFA.

Anyone who may have been ejected from a game but was not written up on the game report is not subject to further suspension.

The next game suspension of a player or team official who is ejected from the last game a team plays in the season, will be applied during the first regular season game of the following season.

If a 2nd ejection in the season of a player or team official occurs in the last game a team plays in the season, that person will be suspended, pending an appeal by the disciplinary sub committee, from play up to the entirety of the next season.

Neither are the guidelines intended to supersede in any way the rules of amateur football, nor those articles governing league play in the NCAFA Constitution.

These guidelines will be made available to all league participants prior to the start of each season. As a component of the registration process, the league will require the attestation of all parents and players to having read and understood the Code of Conduct described in Annex X. Coaches, volunteers, and league officials will be required to attest to the Code of Conduct described in Annex Y prior to their participation in league activities.

The administration of the code of conduct shall be the responsibility of each club. Clubs may operationalize the code as to their choosing, but each must indicate to the league that their players and participants have read and signed off on the...

Member organizations of NCAFA shall be responsible for ensuring the enforcement of the expected behaviour among participants. The league shall be responsible for the enforcement of the Code for championship play, league-wide tournaments, and similar events.

Member organizations of NCAFA shall be responsible for ensuring that there is a designated discipline process in place and a disciplinary committee established.

Failure to comply with the NCAFA Code of Conduct may result in disciplinary action in accordance with the policy established by the NCAFA affiliated football club. Code of Conduct violations may be referred to an individual club's disciplinary committee, to the NCAFA Disciplinary Committee, or to the Referee's Association, depending upon the offending party and/or the nature of the incident. Violations may result in penalties designated by the club, league, or referee's association, and ranging from suspension to loss of club/league privileges.

Code of Conduct—Coaches

I will ensure that the safety and welfare of players in my charge, and promote fair competition ahead of winning.

I will promote the objectives of NCAFA and behave in a manner that does not in any way compromise the principles, authority, or reputation of the league.

I will thoroughly acquaint myself with the rules of amateur football and ensure that all players in my charge understand the intent and application of the rules.

I will accept responsibility for the conduct of my players on the field, and will not condone unsportsmanlike behaviour of any kind.

I will respect the role and responsibilities of game officials and refrain from any public comment or actions which demean their authority. Neither will I encourage such behaviour by players, spectators, or other participants. I will ensure that disputes or unresolved issues are directed to NCAFA for appropriate review and resolution.

I have read and agree to abide by this Code of Conduct while a member of NCAFA.

Signature

Date

Code of Conduct—Players

I will participate in NCAFA to the best of my abilities and accept responsibility for my actions on the field of play.

I will demonstrate good sportsmanship on the field of play at all times.

I will exercise self-control and do my best to listen and learn from my coaches.

I will be courteous and treat my coaches, other players, officials, and fans with respect, regardless of race, gender, creed, or ability.

I will refrain from the use of foul or abusive language on the field of play.

I will respect the integrity and judgment of game officials.

I will win with character and lose with dignity.

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Signature

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Code of Conduct—Parents

I will provide positive support, care, and encouragement for all players participating in NCAFA.

I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for players, coaches, and officials at games, practices, and other league events.

I will place the emotional and physical well being of players ahead of any personal desire to win.

I will discourage the use of illegal or performance-enhancing substances among players.

I will encourage my child to treat other players, coaches, fans, and officials with respect, regardless of race, gender, creed, or ability.

I will support coaches and officials in providing a positive and rewarding sports environment for players.

I have read and agree to abide by this Code of Conduct while a member of NCAFA.

Signature

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