

New Hampshire Soccer League Club Code of Conduct:



The NHSL recognizes no two clubs are alike. Clubs that participate in this league range from large clubs with professional staff and a vast network of personnel - to local, town travel clubs composed mostly of volunteers - and everything in between. Regardless of your club's structure, we all have a fundamental base level of expectation on how we communicate, educate, operate, and hold members within our organizations accountable.

Therefore, there is a spoken (or unspoken) responsibility - and a tremendous opportunity to positively affect everyone involved in your club. Make no mistake about it - we all have a direct influence on our coaches, parents, administrators - but most importantly, our kids.

The New Hampshire Soccer League believes that clubs need to take every necessary step to set and model the right behaviors and attitudes for everyone involved internally. By setting and following through with expectations, you can positively influence everyone within your club. The culture you set is critical to the development of the players and people involved.

It is the mission of the NHSL to create the best environment possible for our players so they can compete at their highest level of effort, creativity and competition. Therefore, the NHSL has introduced a Club Code of Conduct that we will passionately enforce for one reason and one reason only.....because "It's all about the kids".

As a club, being a part of the NHSL, we accept the following agreements:

1. We will make every effort to gain an understanding and appreciation for the laws of the game and provide resources to our coaches and members so they can gain a similar understanding.
2. We will communicate sideline expectations to all coaches and parents, and understand the club is directly responsible for any/all people & actions associated with our club(s), including any/all sanctions or fines handed down by the league.
3. We will create an environment where sportsmanship is paramount.
4. We will enforce a policy of respect for our opponents and officials at all times.
5. We will promote and encourage the continued development of our coaching staff through state, regional, and nationally offered certifications.
6. We will have and communicate a clearly defined process in place as it pertains to potential disciplinary action, either internally or externally.
7. We will consistently communicate club, league, and state expectations, policies, and procedures to those associated with our club.
8. We will hold our staff, coaches, managers, or any member of our club accountable for potential negative behavior.
9. We will handle inter-club conflicts in a timely fashion, using the NHSL or NHSA for support when needed.
10. We will follow up with potential complaints in a timely fashion and communicate our decisions to the league.

Print Name Here: _____ Club Role: _____

Sign Name Here: _____ Date: _____