

Code of Conduct

For Coaches

The following are some of the principles and guidelines of the expectations of HCSA.

- The Henderson County Soccer Association (HCSA) supports recreation youth soccer that is governed by a strong sense of individual and team sportsmanship.
- The behavior of the coach is the most important guide for player and spectator behavior. The coach can exert strong player and spectator control by the example he/she sets, and by a few words of caution directed to the appropriate place when necessary.
- Coaches are responsible for their own actions as well as the conduct of their assistant coaches, players and spectators.
- HCSA expects coaches to comply with the referees' decisions, which are made in the best interest of the players on the field.
- Illegal, unfair, rowdy, violent, dangerous, and unsportsmanlike behavior will not be tolerated, whether on the field of play or away from the playing area. This includes vulgarity, harassment, debasement, violence or a threat of violence, and assault.
- HCSA expects coaches, referees, and spectators to conform to the spirit and intent of applicable rules at all times.
- HCSA recognizes that participation in competitive activities is a source of strong feelings which will often lead to misunderstandings, disagreements and other conflicts. However, HCSA also believes that every participant has a duty to respect the right of competitors to hold conflicting views.
- Referees are the authority on the field and have the right to tell parents and coaches to leave sight and sound of the field if they fail to follow the code of conduct.