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Our Commitment

At [Club Name], we believe youth sports should be a positive, supportive, and inspiring experience for every player, coach, referee, and family.

We are committed to creating an environment where:

- Players feel safe and encouraged
- Coaches can lead without hostility or abuse
- Referees are respected
- Parents and spectators model appropriate behavior

Participation in our club requires all adults to uphold these standards at games, training sessions, tournaments, and club events.

Parent & Spectator Code of Conduct

As part of registration, all parents, guardians, and spectators agree to the following expectations:

Adults associated with our club will:

- Support players in a positive and respectful manner
- Treat coaches, referees, players, and spectators appropriately
- Refrain from hostile, abusive, threatening, or intimidating behavior
- Avoid public criticism, yelling, or personal attacks
- Respect referee decisions and game officials
- Model emotional control and sportsmanship
- Help create a positive game-day environment for all participants

Prohibited Behavior Includes:

- Verbal abuse toward referees, coaches, players, or spectators
- Aggressive confrontation
- Threatening language or gestures
- Harassment in person or online
- Repeated hostile sideline behavior
- Behavior that disrupts the match environment
- Conduct determined by club leadership to be outside the standards of the club

Failure to uphold these expectations may result in disciplinary action, including the requirement to complete the Return to Good Standing course before returning to the sidelines.

Our Return to Good Standing Policy

Purpose:

Return to Good Standing is a 60 minute on-line course. The purpose of Return to Good Standing is not punishment. Rather, it is a structured process designed to:

- Reinforce club expectations
- Support a healthy sideline environment
- Preserve relationships within our club community
- Help adults reset and move forward constructively

We believe people can learn, improve, and positively contribute to the culture of youth sports.

When the Course May Be Required

Club leadership may require an adult to complete the Return to Good Standing course following:

- A referee report
- A coach report
- A tournament or league complaint
- A reported sideline incident
- Ongoing hostile or disruptive behavior
- Conduct determined to be outside the standards of the club

Club leadership reserves the right to determine when the course requirement is appropriate.

Required Process

If an adult is assigned Return to Good Standing:

1. Notification

The adult will receive written notification from club leadership outlining:

- The reported concern or incident
- The requirement to complete the course
- The timeline for completion

2. Course Completion

The adult must:

- Register and pay for the course at <https://thesidelineproject.com/rtgscourse/>
- Complete the full course before attending the team's next game
- Submit their completion certificate to club leadership

3. Return to the Sideline

Once the course is completed and the certificate is received by club staff, the adult may return to participation in accordance with club expectations.

Failure to complete the course within the required timeline may result in suspension from attending games or other club activities until the requirement is met.

Why We Use Return to Good Standing

Youth sports are emotional. Competitive environments can create stress for players, coaches, referees, and parents alike.

At [Club Name], we believe accountability matters — but so does education.

Return to Good Standing provides a constructive way to address issues while reinforcing the type of culture we want for our players and families.

Questions

If you have questions regarding this policy, please contact:

[Club Contact Name]

[Title]

[Email Address]

Sideline Behavior Policy

Email to Families with New Policy



Dear [Club Name] Families,

At [Club Name], we believe youth sports should be a positive, supportive, and inspiring experience for every player, coach, referee, and family.

As part of our continued commitment to creating the best possible environment for our players, we are implementing a formal **Sideline Behavior & Return to Good Standing Policy** for all adults associated with the club.

This policy reinforces the standards already outlined in our **Parent & Spectator Code of Conduct** and provides a clear process for addressing hostile or inappropriate behavior that falls outside the expectations of our club community.

Beginning immediately, adults reported for hostile sideline behavior or conduct outside the standards of the club may be required to complete the Return to Good Standing course before returning to games or club activities.

The process includes:

- Notification from club leadership regarding the concern or incident
- Completion of the Return to Good Standing course prior to the next game
- Submission of the completion certificate to club leadership

The course is designed to reinforce expectations, support accountability, and help maintain a healthy environment for players, coaches, referees, and families.

This is not about punishment. It is about protecting the experience we want for our players and ensuring our sidelines reflect the values of our club.

We encourage all families to review the full policy here:

[Insert Website Link]

Thank you for helping us create a supportive and respectful environment for everyone involved in the game.

Sincerely,

[Club Leadership Name]

[Club Name]