

# Decorah United Soccer Club Code of Conduct

The Decorah United Soccer Club (DUSC) was established for the sole purpose of providing an opportunity for the youth in and around Decorah to participate in a sound program of recreational soccer. Sports, including soccer, allow our youth to develop many physical, emotional, team and individual skills that will be helpful as adults.

Decorah United Soccer Club has established the following standards of behavior that is to be adhered to by all players, parents and coaches. These standards are essential to the success of the program.

## Players

DUSC shall not tolerate any behavior that is considered detrimental to individuals, teams or the Club. Players shall abide by the following standards at all times.

1. Players shall be respectful of teammates, opponents, coaches and officials. Conduct yourselves with self control and dignity especially when emotions are high.
2. Play the game for the fun of friendly competition and the challenges it provides you both as an individual and as a team. Be generous when you win and gracious when you do not.
3. The decision of the coaches and the officials is final. Accept them with class and dignity. You must believe that their judgment is honest and fair.

Players who do not follow these standards are subject to disciplinary action by the game officials, their coaches and even the DUSC Board. All decisions are final.

## Parents

DUSC shall not tolerate any behavior that is considered detrimental to individuals, teams or the Club. We believe that the attitude and actions shown by parents toward the coaches, referees, opposing teams and players and the importance of winning/losing are of paramount importance. Inappropriate comments or actions have a long term negative affect that directly undermines the goals and achievements that DUSC is striving for. In addition, it directly impacts the emotional well being of the players.

1. Set a positive example at all times. Your child is looking to you as their primary teacher in soccer and more importantly in life. Always be encouraging and positive.
2. Accept all decisions by coaches and the game officials without contention. Do not criticize or disparage anyone for any reason. Coaches and officials are taking on a responsibility that few are willing to do, allow them the respect they deserve for doing so.
3. Be supportive of all good play whether by your child, their teammates or members of the opposing team. Without the other team, your child would not play.

Any parent who does not abide by these expectations may be required to leave the field by the officials, a coach or a DUSC Board member. All decisions are final.

**We acknowledge that we have read the expectations and agree to abide by these guidelines.**

Print Player Name \_\_\_\_\_

Player Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Print Parent Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

*Coaches Code of Conduct available for viewing on [www.decorahunitedsoccer.com](http://www.decorahunitedsoccer.com).*