

HELENA YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION
CODE OF CONDUCT POLICY
Adopted by the Board of Directors: February 19, 2018

The Helena Youth Soccer Association (HYSA) recognizes and emphasizes the importance of good sportsmanship, not only by our players and coaches but also by the parents and guests attending games and practices. HYSA desires to provide the youth in our community with the opportunity to acquire and develop soccer skills through a higher level of competition. These skills, as well as the individual growth of the players, should be nurtured in an environment free of confrontation, poor sportsmanship, or verbal and physical abuse among players, team officials, and spectators. Players, team officials, and spectators are expected to demonstrate good sportsmanship at all HYSA-related events.

HYSA has adopted this Code of Conduct that applies to players, team officials, and spectators.

1. HYSA players, team officials, and spectators are expected to follow HYSA policies which are available on HYSA's website.
2. HYSA players, team officials, and spectators must demonstrate good sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy to all players, team officials and spectators at every practice and game.
3. HYSA players, team officials, and spectators may not engage any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any other player, team official, or spectator. "Unsportsmanlike conduct" includes but is not limited to booing and taunting, refusing to shake hands, using profane language or gestures, or intentionally attempting to or hurting another player.
4. HYSA players, team officials, and spectators will show respect to game officials and their authority during games.
5. HYSA team officials will show respect to opposing team officials and will not confront opposing team officials at the game field.
6. HYSA players, team officials, and spectators will refrain from using drugs or alcohol and all HYSA-sponsored events, which includes games and practices.

A violation of this policy by a player, team official, or spectator may subject that person to disciplinary action, but may include but not be limited to a verbal warning, written warning, game suspension, season suspension, or prohibition from attending HYSA-sponsored events.