



## **SCHUYLKILL COUNTY YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION**

### **Spectator and Sideline Conduct**

The Schuylkill County Youth Soccer Association (SCYSA) and its Executive Board are aware of the various emotions that occur while watching your child play soccer and all sports. At times, the SCYSA realizes that these emotions can run high during matches. In particular, emotions rise when a match is close or it is important such as a playoff or championship match. The SCYSA and its Board is also aware of the increasing level of violent conduct and violent acts in youth sports. However, the SCYSA and its Executive Board ***will not*** tolerate any unsportsmanlike conduct, acts, and/or inappropriate behavior from any and all spectators during any match. The SCYSA and its board ***will not*** condone or tolerate any of the following:

1. Inappropriate remarks and/or comments (i.e. profanity, booing, taunting, racist, sexual, ridicule, condescending, negative, excessive yelling or screaming, etc.) from any parents, family members, friends, acquaintances, and/or relatives directed towards SCYSA teams, opposing teams, their coaching staff, match and/or event officials;
2. Inappropriate signs and/or banners containing any of the same information listed in item #1;
3. Any aggressive or violent gestures and/or acts directed towards SCYSA coaches, board members, officials, its volunteers, opposing team members, its coaches, match and/or event officials; and
4. Physically assaulting any SCYSA player, coaching staff, opposing team member, it's coaching staff, match and/or event officials.

The SCYSA and its Board requests that all spectators provide positive comments and reinforcement to their respective teams, its players, and their coaching staff. The Board also requests that spectators refrain from yelling any tactical or strategic comments to their child or any player during a match. It is the discretion of each coach on how they will handle the aforementioned item that may include removing your child from the field of play for yelling tactical instructions. Additionally, if a spectator takes part in or violates any of the items listed in 1 through 4, they may face disciplinary action by the SCYSA and its Executive Board.

The reverse side also contains the "*Ten Commandments for Soccer Parents*" for your review. Each individual team's coaching staff may have additional rules regarding conduct and behavior.

If you should have any questions regarding this or any other travel program matter, please feel free to contact me at (570) 590-1956 or [wboyer@ptd.net](mailto:wboyer@ptd.net)

I look forward to and wish all of the teams a great travel season.

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