



OURAY COUNTY SOCCER CLUB

Code of Conduct

A Member Club of the Colorado Soccer Association (CSA)

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Our Mission

Ouray County Soccer Club (OCSC) is committed to providing a fun, safe, and healthy soccer environment for all players in our community. We promote the development of soccer for every individual — regardless of race, creed, religion, national origin, gender, or ability — while fostering honesty, integrity, and good sportsmanship both on and off the field.

All players, parents/guardians, coaches, and volunteers associated with OCSC are expected to uphold the standards set forth in this Code of Conduct, in accordance with the Colorado Soccer Association (CSA), US Youth Soccer, and US Soccer Federation guidelines.

SECTION 1: PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT

All OCSC players are expected to be committed, respectful teammates and positive ambassadors for our club.

Attendance & Commitment

- Attend all practices, games, and team functions
- Arrive on time and be ready to play
- Notify your coach in advance if you are unable to attend or will be late
- Wear appropriate attire and arrive prepared with all necessary equipment

Sportsmanship

- Respect the game, its rules, and all officials at all times
- Treat opponents with respect in both language and actions
- Be gracious in victory — show class and acknowledge your opponents
- Be dignified in defeat — do not blame teammates, coaches, or officials
- Congratulations and offers of assistance are the only appropriate words for opposing players

Attitude & Character

- Exhibit a positive, never-quit attitude at all practices and games
- Play and train to the best of your ability at all times
- Speak positively of your coaches, teammates, opponents, and yourself
- Practice skills on your own to continue development outside of scheduled sessions
- Support teammates, club members, and coaches in all team functions

Players Will NOT:

- Use profane, abusive, or vulgar language at any time

- Argue with, confront, or disrespect game officials
- Talk to fans or spectators during a match
- Use alcohol, tobacco, or illegal drugs
- Leave a game field, training session, or team function without informing the coach
- Engage in fighting or physical violence (mandatory suspension; repeat offenses may result in dismissal)

Disciplinary Standards

Any player ejected from two games within a 12-month period, or who accumulates excessive cautions, will have their standing reviewed by the OCSC Board. Players who persist in violating these standards jeopardize their membership with OCSC and CSA, including possible loss of out-of-state travel privileges or removal from the club.

SECTION 2: PARENT & GUARDIAN CODE OF CONDUCT

Parents and guardians play a vital role in creating a positive experience for all players. Your support, attitude, and behavior directly impact your child's enjoyment of the game.

Parents & Guardians Will:

- Be encouraging, supportive, and positive to all children — your own, their teammates, and opponents
- Respect game officials and accept their decisions without question or comment
- Support the coach, players, and fellow parents on the team
- Become familiar with the Laws of the Game
- Comply with all rules, policies, and procedures of OCSC, CSA, and US Youth Soccer
- Direct all soccer-related concerns to the coach at a mutually agreed-upon time — never immediately before, during, or within 24 hours following a game
- Fulfill all financial obligations to the club and team in a timely manner
- Volunteer for the team and/or the club when called upon

Parents & Guardians Will NOT:

- Engage in loud, disrespectful, hostile, or unsportsmanlike comments toward any official, coach, player, or spectator
- Approach, confront, or direct comments toward game officials under any circumstances
- Coach, criticize, or call out any player on the team from the sideline
- Engage with, criticize, or antagonize opposing team players or fans
- Interfere with the duties and responsibilities of the coaching staff
- Possess, consume, or use any alcoholic beverage, drug of abuse, controlled substance, or firearm at any OCSC field or event
- Act in any manner that is detrimental to the team, OCSC, or CSA

Sideline Etiquette

Most referees in Colorado are young individuals who are learning and developing their skills just as the players are. They have no personal stake in the outcome of a youth game and are doing their best. Please treat them with the same respect and patience you expect for your own child.

SECTION 3: COACH CODE OF CONDUCT

Coaches are role models and leaders. OCSC coaches are expected to uphold the highest standards of sportsmanship, safety, and professionalism.

All OCSC Coaches Must:

- Complete a background check, Concussion training, and SafeSport certification prior to working with any team or players, in accordance with CSA requirements
- Provide a safe and positive environment for all players at every practice, game, and event
- Serve as a positive role model for players, parents, and opponents
- Demonstrate and teach sportsmanship and fair play in all practices and games
- Show respect for game officials and opponents in every interaction
- Be enthusiastic and encouraging with all players, motivating through positive reinforcement
- Learn, understand, and abide by the Rules of the Game
- Comply with all rules, policies, and procedures of OCSC, CSA, and US Youth Soccer

Coaches Will NOT:

- Leave players unattended at any practice, game, or club event
- Be alone with a minor — always maintain two-adult supervision
- Directly message or privately contact athletes via personal cell phone
- Engage in loud, hostile, or disrespectful comments toward players, parents, opponents, or officials
- Possess, consume, or use any alcoholic beverage, drug of abuse, controlled substance, or firearm at any OCSC field or event
- Act in any manner that is detrimental to OCSC, CSA, or the sport of soccer

Safe Soccer & Child Protection

OCSC has a zero-tolerance policy for abuse and misconduct of any kind — emotional, physical, or sexual. All coaches and staff must be familiar with the CSA Safe Soccer Policy and are required to report any suspected abuse immediately. Violations of child safety policies will result in immediate removal from the club and referral to appropriate authorities.

SECTION 4: DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES

OCSC is committed to fair, consistent enforcement of this Code of Conduct. The following progressive discipline framework applies to all members of the club community:

- First Violation: Verbal warning from the coach or club official
- Second Violation: Written notice to the individual and their family; temporary suspension from participation may be issued

- Third Violation / Serious Misconduct: Review by the OCSC Board; possible suspension or removal from the club
- Immediate removal may occur for: fighting, threatening behavior, referee abuse, or violations of CSA's Referee Abuse Prevention Policy

Any spectator, parent, or coach who is asked to leave the facility by a referee or club official must do so immediately and may face further disciplinary action. Appeals may be submitted in writing to the OCSC Board within 14 days of any formal disciplinary action.

SECTION 5: SUBSTANCE & WEAPON-FREE POLICY

The possession, consumption, or use of any alcoholic beverage, drug of abuse, controlled substance, or the possession or use of any firearm at any OCSC field area by any player, coach, referee, team official, or spectator — prior to, during, or after any OCSC activity — is strictly prohibited. Any individual who violates this policy shall be subject to immediate disciplinary action by OCSC.

SECTION 6: ACKNOWLEDGMENT & SIGNATURE

By participating in Ouray County Soccer Club activities, all members agree to abide by this Code of Conduct. Please sign and return this form to your coach or club administrator prior to the start of the season.

Player Name (Print):	_____	Date: _____
Player Signature:	_____	Date: _____
Parent/Guardian Name (Print):	_____	Date: _____
Parent/Guardian Signature:	_____	Date: _____
Coach/Staff Name (Print):	_____	Date: _____
Coach/Staff Signature:	_____	Date: _____

Questions? Contact your coach or OCSC Board representative.