

PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT

The Sierra Vista Soccer League (SVSL) is committed to providing a safe and friendly environment for all participants. The “spirit of the league” is to provide recreational soccer to adults of all ages, abilities, and skill levels, for fun. In the past the league has seen share of violence which has sometimes escalated out of control. It is extremely important that you, as a player are committed to stopping and preventing violence if/when it happens.

As a condition to be eligible to play in the SVSL, I agree to honor the player “code of conduct”. I further understand that a violation of the “code of conduct” could result in suspension, fines, or expulsion.

As a player:

1. I will avoid arguing calls with the referee and let the referee call the game.
2. I shall not engage in abusive or excessive foul language on or off the soccer fields.
3. I will play with the safety of others in mind and without intent to injure other players.
4. I will not leave the sidelines if a fight breaks out and will encourage my teammates to do the same.
5. I will attempt to safely break up a fight if it occurs on the field of play while I am authorized to be on the field of play/I will attempt to safely break up a fight if it occurs on the side line if I am on the side line.
6. I will do whatever is necessary to avoid escalation of violence.
7. I will follow the instructions of my team captain, representative, and referees in the event of a fight. SVSL board members will not interfere with fights.
8. I will support my team captain, representative, referees, and SVSL board members in enforcing the rules and player “code of conduct” established by the league.
9. I will use the bathroom facilities at the soccer fields and will not participate in any littering or indecent exposure in the parts where the SVSL is operating.
10. I will not engage in drinking alcoholic beverages before and during my games. I will comply with all drinking rules established by the facilities in use by SVSL and will acquire an alcohol permit when required.
11. I understand that if I drink before a game I cannot play
12. I will be responsible for the cleanliness of the area used by my team.
13. I understand that at times, a league player may be used as a referee.

SVSL Disciplinary Matrix

The following table will be used to assess disciplinary infractions during league play. All disciplinary actions will be reviewed by the head of the disciplinary committee to determine if additional action is warranted.

Offense	Suggested Suspension
Second Caution same game	1 game
Third Caution cumulative (within season)	1 game
Red Card	1 game
Serious Foul Play (<u>play within the game that involves risk to another player</u>)	<u>1-2</u> games
Violent Conduct (as defined by the rules of the game)	3 games
2nd Offense Violent Conduct or Serious Foul Play	4 games
3rd Offense Violent Conduct or Serious Foul Play	5 games up to Season Suspension
Code of Conduct violation (1st Offense)	1-2 games
Code of Conduct violation (2nd Offense)	3 games
Code of Conduct violation (3rd Offense)	4 games
Pushing, Striking, or any action deemed 'fighting' (to include attempts)	A Season Suspension

* All infractions will be reviewed by the disciplinary committee

* If a player continues past behavior after a season suspension, they may be suspended for life