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#### Standard of Conduct

- 1. Demonstrate good sportsmanship at all times, whether you win or lose. Show a positive, encouraging attitude toward your teammates, your coaches, game officials and people watching the game.
- 2. Follow the rules and expectations set by your team, league and coach.
- 3. Attend all team practices, games, team events and support your team at all times.
- 4. Be responsible for your uniform, equipment, the team equipment and for cleaning up after yourselves.



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- 1. Set a good example for all players, win or lose. Show a positive attitude toward players, coaches, game officials and spectators. Be aware that your behavior is visible to others.
- 2. Refrain from yelling at anyone, especially referees.
- 3. Respect the opponents.
- 4. Support your son or daughter and the team by following the rules regarding equipment and practices. Arrive on time so that your child is ready to play. Ensure that your child has the proper equipment
- 5. If a problem exists with a coach, please follow these steps:
  - a. Arrange a meeting with the coach to discuss your concerns.
  - b. Contact a Board Member.



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- 1. Ensure that the safety of players and fans is always the highest priority. Create a safe environment at all practices, camp, clinics and game events. Complete training on CPR, concussions and other safety matters as offered and made available.
- 2. Set rules and expectations that are appropriate for the players' age level.
- 3. Abide by and teach the rules and fundamentals of the game.
- 4. Encourage and enforce good sportsmanship of all players and parents. Develop an environment in which your whole team will respect everyone and fear no one.
- 5. Ensure that players are in a training environment that is challenging and maximizes their development. Encourage players to take advantage of all club training opportunities and promote self training.
- 6. Set a high standard when training and playing, giving praise when deserved, and correction when needed. Earn respect from players and parents by being honest and fair to all.
- 7. Equipment and playing facilities at all venues should meet safety standards. Notify the Board in all instances where equipment and facilities are not safe.
- 8. Understand the rules of all Leagues and events in which you participate.
- 9. Be considerate of and acknowledge parents' efforts to support their child's participation. Communicate changes in practice and event schedules in advance.
- 10. Playing time: The Novi Cats philosophy is to develop all players. To that end, game experience is a key part of development in both leagues and tournament situations. As such, the Club expects that all team members will have an opportunity to play in games, unless player participation at practices dictates otherwise in the Coach's judgment. It is also recognized that variability in playing time among individual players is a necessary factor in competitive sports and that this should be expected on the basis of ability, timeliness, attitude and health. All Coaches should discuss the application of this guideline with parents at the beginning of the season, and throughout the season as necessary.