



Streator Soccer League (SSL)

Participant Code of Conduct

Adult Recreational Soccer

Purpose

The Streator Soccer League (SSL) is committed to providing a **safe, respectful, and enjoyable recreational soccer experience** for all participants. This Code of Conduct outlines the expectations for all players participating in SSL activities.

Participation in SSL is a privilege, not a right. By registering, all participants agree to abide by this Code of Conduct, the SSL Bylaws, Player Handbook, City regulations, and referee authority.

GENERAL EXPECTATIONS

All participants are expected to:

- Demonstrate **sportsmanship, respect, and integrity** at all times
- Treat teammates, opponents, referees, League officials, and spectators with respect
- Play in a **safe and fair manner** consistent with recreational soccer
- Follow all **League rules, City of Streator laws, and park regulations**
- Accept referee decisions without argument or retaliation

ON-FIELD CONDUCT

Participants shall:

- Refrain from violent, dangerous, or reckless play
- Not engage in slide tackling (as prohibited by League rules)
- Not intentionally provoke physical or verbal altercations
- Not use profanity, slurs, or offensive language directed at others

- Leave the field immediately if ejected by a referee

REFEREES & OFFICIALS

- Referees have **full authority** during all matches
- **Referee decisions are final**
- Only the **designated team captain** may respectfully address the referee with questions during a match
- **Verbal or physical abuse of referees is strictly prohibited**, whether on or off the field

SSL enforces a **zero-tolerance policy** regarding abuse toward referees.

ALCOHOL, DRUGS & SMOKING

SSL maintains a **strict no-tolerance policy**:

- No possession or use of **alcohol or illegal drugs** at any League game, practice, tournament, or event
- No **smoking or vaping**, including e-cigarettes, on or near the playing fields, sidelines, benches, or spectator areas
- Participants believed to be under the influence may be removed from the facility and disciplined

SPECTATORS

Participants are responsible for the behavior of their **family members, guests, and spectators**.

Participants must:

- Encourage respectful spectator behavior
- Not invite or tolerate abusive or disruptive conduct
- Assist League officials if asked to address spectator issues

Failure to manage spectator behavior may result in disciplinary action against the participant or team.

DISCIPLINE & ENFORCEMENT

Violations of this Code of Conduct may result in one or more of the following, at the discretion of the League and Disciplinary Committee:

- Verbal or written warning
- Ejection from a match
- Suspension from League play
- Monetary fines
- Removal from the League
- Exclusion from future participation

Disciplinary decisions may be made in addition to referee-issued cards.

ASSUMPTION OF RISK

Participants acknowledge that soccer involves inherent risks, including the risk of injury. Participation is **voluntary and at the participant's own risk**. SSL does not provide medical insurance coverage.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

By registering for and participating in the Streator Soccer League, I acknowledge that I have read, understand, and agree to abide by this Participant Code of Conduct, the SSL Bylaws, and the Player Handbook.

Failure to comply may result in disciplinary action, up to and including removal from the League.

Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____