

Player's Code of Conduct

From the game's beginnings in the 19th century, soccer has always been played in an atmosphere that valued active, competitive play and ethical, sporting behavior. The balancing of these two aspects of the game has always been the signature focus of the soccer culture.

Players in the Washington Area Girls Soccer League occupy an important position in the soccer culture in the United States. The league has always been among the nation's best-known and most widely respected soccer venues.

Soccer is first and foremost a player's game. No participant--no coach, no team official, no league official, no game official, no spectator--exerts the same level of influence on the game, and on the soccer community, as is exerted by the league's players. Players are the principal authors not only of each game's outcome, but of the league's overall playing environment. And players are the principal ambassadors of the league and of the sport.

With those facts in mind, it is important that every player who participates in the league's matches subscribe to certain basic principles. A player in the WAGS League should:

- Know and make her best effort to obey the letter of the Laws of the Game.
- Understand and respect the spirit of the Laws, avoiding cynical and unfair play.
- Respect and honor all other participants--opponents, referees, coaches, and spectators.
- Strive to enjoy the game, and to promote enjoyment of the game by others.

The player's signature below indicates that she subscribes to these principles.

Signature _____

Date _____

Printed Name _____

Team Name _____