



SALINE FC CODE OF CONDUCT

Saline FC (Saline Area Soccer Association) has a zero tolerance policy against any physical, emotional, sexual or substance abuse by or to any coaches, players, referees, officials, parents, spectators, volunteers or other members. (Reference MSYSA Risk Management policy)

To this end, Saline FC upholds to the highest degree the level of behavior that is acceptable by home and away teams at all games played in Saline and for all Saline teams playing in away locations. It is expected that good sportsmanship will be exhibited by players, coaches, and spectators at all times. Absolutely no sarcasm, harassment, or intimidation to any player, coach, or referee is permitted by any player, coach or other team personnel, or spectator.

With regard to referees officiating at Saline FC games, it is understood that all players and all persons responsible for a team and all the spectators shall support the referees. Failure to do so will undermine the referees' authority and has the potential of creating a hostile environment for the players, the referees, coaches, other team personnel and spectators. No spectator should approach any referee before, during, or after the game; any interaction with the referees should be handled by a team coach in a polite and nonthreatening way. Spectators should interact with a referee only to respond to a referee initiating a conversation or to point out any unrecognized emergency or safety issue on the field.

The coach is ultimately responsible for his/her own behavior, the behavior of his/her players and his/her spectators. The referee will instruct the coach to quiet any offending spectator or direct the coach to instruct the offending spectator to leave the field, if necessary.

Referees will follow the league rules with regard to any infractions.

A written report may be filed with Saline FC with regard to any violation of this code of conduct. A copy of the form to be used may be obtained from the referee, the coach, the Saline FC website, or the Rec League or Travel League player parent handbook.