



## ***Code of Ethics***

The NECSL is dedicated to assist the Northeastern Conference Youth Department and its youth to engage in sporting activity.

It's our desire that:

- \*The youth participating can develop an attitude of fair play and true sportsmanship;
- \*The youth demonstrates God's love to other youth even when they have lost a game;
- \*Each youth who plays soccer emulates the Christian values and strength of character under pressure.

Conduct unbecoming of any player is defined as any conduct that:(a) Violates the Code of Ethics;(b) Is incompatible with the best interest of public, the church, the NECSL or his Team;(c) Tend to threaten, to harm the standing or reputation of the Team, the church & the NECSL that each player is representing;(d) Violates the rules of the North-Eastern Conference Soccer League ("NECSL"). To remain a player in the NECSL and a functioning member of any church Team, each player will be required to uphold all the provisions set forth in this document & and the NECSL rules including the affirmation stated below:

I will demonstrate the love of Christ by uplifting my teammates, avoiding the use of explicit language and uncouth behavior.

1. I will represent my church and team in a positive manner.
2. I will uphold the principles of the church on jewelry, dress and life style.
3. I will display good sportsmanship on and off the field.
4. I will support my teammates including recognition and acknowledgment of my teammates' acceptable performance.
5. I will abide by, fulfill, and enforce all policies and procedures as set forth in NECSL handbook.
6. I will prepare myself to participate in all physical activities associated with my Team.
7. I will comply with the instructions that are given by the referees and his assistants, my Managers/Coach, Commissioners and Commission of the NECSL, as well as show respect for the opposing team.
8. I will always remember that I am part of an SDA church Team and the NECSL.

9. I will always remember that my actions hinder the efforts of my Team, in the forms of penalties and other disciplinary actions.
10. I will not take my team or the NECSL for granted.
11. I will be honest at all times.
12. I will actively pursue the goals that have been set for the NECSL and my Team.
13. I will communicate positively with my teammates and the NECSL Commission.
14. I will make a conscious effort to be an integral part of my team and strive for the betterment of the NECSL.
15. I will not usurp the authority of my coach/Manager, referees and assistant referees, area commissioner and any official of the NECSL.
16. I will remember to revisit this document on a regular basis.
17. I will not encourage guests and /or spectators, my team mates and /or coaches to be unruly and disrespectful to match officials, commissioners and players of opposing teams.
18. I will encourage my team to respect the code of conduct for each field of play and be mindful of the cleanliness of the field in use.
19. I will recognize the final decisions of the NECSL Commission, knowing that they have given me and my team the best consideration possible.

A violation of the Code of Ethics will result in disciplinary action against the offending player/member and /or team; the consequences of which shall be determined by the NECSL Commission. The consequences of violating the Code of Ethics include the following, or a combination of the following and the rules set in the NECSL hand book:

1. Monetary fine, (not to exceed \$100) which will be determined by the NECSL Commission. Failure to pay any fine will result in immediate suspension from playing in an official game or games.
2. A written apology to the Team, Adventist Youth Leaders of each of the opposing other teams in question and the NECSL Commission.
3. Deduction of points from league cup and /or suspension from super cup or any other cups/tournament organized by the NECSL.
4. Teams and /or coaches are responsible for any suits and or damages incurred as a result of players conduct/ actions.
5. Teams and / or players suspended from any NESCL activities. Length of suspension shall be determined by the NECSL Commission.

The Code of Ethics is in effect from the moment a team and player is approved to participate in the NECSL soccer season.

I have read the NECSL Code of Ethics outlining the league's expectation of my conduct, and I am willing and able to faithfully execute the Code of Ethics as is indicated by my signature below. I also understand that my failure to sign below is clear and convincing evidence that I will not be approve to represent any church team in the NECSL season nor abide by the Code of Ethics.