



## MISCONDUCT AT YOUTH STATE SPONSORED EVENTS

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Unsportinglike behavior by a coach or player while participating in a match will be dealt with by the participating referee crew. Unsportinglike behavior by others may also be dealt with by the participating referee crew or by the tournament officials.

Any unsportinglike conduct by those not directly participating in the match such as a coach, referee, player, administrator, parent, spectator, or others in attendance at a State sponsored tournament is strictly forbidden.

Unsportinglike conduct includes but is not limited to physically or verbally fighting, arguing, use of derogatory remarks, or the use of foul language directed at a referee, player, coach, parent, another spectator, or tournament officials. Any act of unsportinglike conduct by any person on or near the field of play shall be reported to the tournament officials. The tournament officials may ~~will~~, if the misconduct is verified, ask the party(ies) to leave the complex for the remainder of the tournament. If the party(ies) refuse to leave the premises, the tournament officials shall summon the civil authorities for assistance.

Coaches are responsible for the conduct of team supporters and are expected to assist the referee and tournament officials in his/her efforts to control the sidelines. Clubs are ultimately responsible for all their members including spectators and are expected to act promptly to insure that a positive standard of conduct and ethical behavior are enforced.

This policy does not supersede any Iowa Soccer Association, United States Youth Soccer Association, United States Adult Soccer Association or United States Soccer Federation bylaw, rule or regulation pertaining to misconduct.

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