

**Columbus Express Club, Inc.  
Code of Ethics**

The parent (or guardian) and player signing below understand and agree that representing the **Columbus Express Soccer Club, Inc.** privilege, which can be terminated at the discretion of the Board of Directors of the **Columbus Express Soccer Club, Inc.** due to actions or behavior deemed unacceptable by said Board. The Club expects players, coaches and spectators to follow the rules of conduct that will protect the interests, safety, and integrity of the organization.

It is not possible to list all the forms of behavior that are considered unacceptable. The following are examples of infractions that may result in suspension of playing privileges and/or visiting privileges involving the **Columbus Express Soccer Club, Inc.** and the **Richard Wigh Soccer Center.**

- **Theft or inappropriate removal or possession of property.**
- **Possession, distribution, sale, transfer, or use of alcohol or illegal substances.** Players will be subject to suspension of eligibility for the remainder of the current and following season. (Substance Abuse Policy adopted 16-Oct-1996).
- **Fighting or threatening violence inside the Soccer Center** or while in transit to/from, or while playing, preparing to play, or as a spectator at the soccer contest away from the Soccer Center, while representing the **Columbus Express Soccer Club, Inc.** Players receiving red card will be subject to the Express red card policy. (Columbus Express Red Card Policy adopted 20-AUG-1997) which is more stringent than the league regulations (see back).
- **Making negative remarks to officials or to players on either team.** Officials shall be treated with respect. Abusive criticism and other forms of misconduct by a player, coach, or by a spectator only adds to the frustration during the game and does not foster an environment for the good of soccer. Formal means to communicate referee performance issues in writing are provided by both leagues (C.I.Y.S.L and G.I.R.L.S) and the Indiana Youth Soccer Association. The Club recognizes and supports this system.

By signing the below, we indicate that we have read and understood the above information and agree to abide by the **Columbus Express Soccer Club, Inc.** Code of Ethics, and understand that any violation of said Code could result in suspension from participation in the **Columbus Express Soccer Club, Inc.** We also understand that appeals may be made only to the C.E.S.C. Board of Directors and the decision of the majority of the Board Members will be binding and final.

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Parent or Guardian Signature

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Date

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Player Signature

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Date

**Columbus Express Soccer Club, Inc.**  
**Red Card Policy**

<u>Nature of Offense</u>	<u>Red Cards Issued</u>	<u>Action Taken</u>
Violent Conduct or Foul or Abusive Language	1	2 games suspension
	2	5 games suspension
	3	10 games suspension
Serious Foul Play	1	2 games each occurrence

Any player who receives three red cards in each of two consecutive seasons will be suspended indefinitely from the **Columbus Express Soccer Club, Inc.** Any coach dismissed from 2 games in 2 consecutive seasons will be suspended from participation in the **Columbus Express Soccer** program, indefinitely.

All game suspensions will be carried over from one playing season to the next playing season.

Suspended players or coaches have the right under the **Columbus Express Soccer Club, Inc.** By-Laws to appeal any and all action taken against them during a scheduled **Columbus Express Soccer Club** Board meeting.

**Adopted 20-AUG-1997**  
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