

# **CHUSA Zero Tolerance Policy**

**Effective August 23, 2002**

This policy establishes expectations for acceptable behavior for players, coaches, parents and other fans attending CHUSA soccer games in order to maintain a healthy learning environment for the players, where good sportsmanship and fairness are respected.

**Policy:** Players, Coaches, Parents and other fans must show respect in words and actions for all referees, parents, coaches and players.

Specifically prohibited are:

- Dissent, e.g., yelling at or complaining to referees, or entering the field of play (except for a single coach for each U-7 (and younger) team, who is allowed to coach from the field);
- Ungentlemanly Conduct, e.g., standing behind the end-lines and goals, roaming or running up and down the sidelines to instruct players;
- Dangerous Play, e.g., slide tackles, changing from behind, jumping in, high kicks, and playing from the ground;
- Persistent Infringement, i.e., repetitive violation of any of the above; and
- Foul, Threatening or Disrespectful Language directed at any other person.

## **Responsibility:**

Parents, Players, Referees, Coaches and Board Members are all responsible for making sure this policy is observed, and that CHUSA's healthy soccer environment is protected. Parents, Players and Coaches are asked to report any problems to CHUSA Board Members.

Referees, Coaches and Board Members are responsible for enforcing this policy, using awareness, persuasion, and punishment as needed. Referees must therefore emphasize the policies at the beginning of each game, especially to players and coaches. Coaches must make sure their team's parents understand and respect the policy.

Referees and Board Members must warn and eject people who violate the policy in the following manners:

### 1. For Dissent, Ungentlemanly Conduct or Dangerous Play:

Warning for first offense, ejection for second offense. In the case of parents or coaches who are ejected, both the parent or coach and his or her child must leave the field of play, and both are suspended for one game. A second ejection will result in suspension for two games, and a third for the rest of the season. Repeat offenders may also be refused registration in subsequent seasons.

### 2. For Persistent Infringement or Foul, Threatening or Disrespectful Language:

Ejection for the first offense. In the case of parents or coaches who are ejected, both the parent or coach and his or her child must leave the field of play, and both are suspended for one game. A second ejection will result in suspension for the rest of the season. Repeat offenders may also be refused registration in subsequent seasons.