

PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT



Downtown Soccer Toronto is Toronto's first official gay & lesbian summer co-ed recreational soccer league. The league is aimed at providing an athletic and socially safe atmosphere for everyone to enjoy the game of soccer. As a result, it is vital that all members understand and commit to the fundamental tenets of equity, fair play, respect, safety and fun.

I, _____, solemnly promise to abide by the following Code of Conduct.
(insert name here)

- i. I will conduct myself in a respectful manner that supports and nurtures the league's queer-positive atmosphere and makes DST a safe league for all people;
- ii. I will value the contributions of all teammates and equally, whether male, female or trans, queer or straight, new to the game or experienced. (Remember, your teammates are the ones who invite you into their homes for team BBQs, pay your bar tab when you "forget" your wallet and randomly bake you cupcakes.);
- iii. I promise to encourage equal playing time for all players on my team;
- iv. I will set a good example for my teammates by maintaining a positive attitude at all times (even if my team is losing and I want to win reeeeeeally badly because my parents/children/new girlfriend/ex-boyfriend is on the sidelines watching);
- v. I will remember that DST is a recreational league and that the safety of my teammates and opponents is more important than winning (i.e. If at any point I begin acting like I'm playing in the World Cup, I will take some deep cleansing breaths and/or go try out for the national team);
- vi. I will not perform bicycle/scissor kicks or slide tackles (see above note about World Cup);
- vii. I will respect the decisions of the referee and linespeople (and if I'm still so sure that I could do a better job, I will spend months taking courses and tests and get my own refereeing license);
- viii. I will contact my captains to declare my absences before the start of each game;
- ix. I will refrain from using profane or derogatory speech on and off the field;
- x. I acknowledge that this league runs on the generosity and participation of its volunteers. Thus, I will be an active participant in this volunteer community when possible (doing lines, bringing refreshments to games, helping with the Toronto International Pride Cup (TIPC) tournament, etc.);
- xi. I will play to HAVE FUN!

By signing below, I acknowledge that I understand the rules listed above and confirm my commitment to abide by those rules. I also understand that my failure to abide by those rules will result in disciplinary action being taken against me, and may in some extreme cases result in my suspension from the league.

Signature: _____

Date: _____