



# Graves County Soccer Association

P.O. Box 5059, Mayfield, KY 42066

POLICY STATEMENT 99-11, Rev. 1

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## Conduct of Participants

**Graves County Soccer Association is dedicated to the health and enjoyment of the sport of soccer for area players.**

1. We ask that all participants (players, referees, coaches, and spectators) exhibit and teach sportsmanship. Good manners on the field and the sidelines should be everyone's first concern.
2. We ask that all participants be respectful of referees. Referees are the field managers and are the final say in all field conduct issues and game regulations. Concerns or questions should be discussed with the referee in a respectful manner and only at quarter and half breaks, before or after the game.
3. GCSA is a smoke free organization. We ask that all coaches, referees, and players refrain from smoking on the fields during practice and games.

**Coaches are responsible for the behavior of parents and players.**

1. If a problem arises, step forward, ask the players/parent to step aside and tell them that you will discuss the problem with the appropriate people.
2. Try to diffuse the situation before it gets out of hand. You may wish to ask the parent or player to give you a written account of exactly what the problem is so you may present it to the appropriate people.

**Referees have the right to maintain control of the field of play in the following ways:**

1. Yellow/Red Cards shall be issued to players according to FIFA guidelines and GCSA policies.
2. Players/Coaches/Spectators may be asked to leave the field if the referee deems this action in the best interest of the game. The game may be temporarily suspended until the situation is under control.
3. The referee has the right to terminate any game if a situation gets out of hand. If a game is terminated the coach may petition the board to finish the game at another time.