

NORTHEAST DISTRICT RULES OF COMPETITION–NEW SPRING 2017
ATTACHMENT G

Sportsmanship Techniques (i.e., new “blowout” protocols)

At every level of play in our district, in our game, in all our games, sportsmanship can make every encounter we have with other players be an enjoyable one. The following are some ideas for coaches, players and fans to carry with them to demonstrate good sportsmanship. Emphasize sportsmanship by example. Respect the authority of the referee. While the referee will make mistakes just like the players will, complaining about missed calls delivers a very counterproductive message to our kids that such behavior is acceptable. Please don't argue with the referee, coaches or other players as it detracts from playing the game. Please keep your instruction from the sideline positive and encouraging. Encourage spectators to do the same. The kids and coaches shake hands with the opposing team after EVERY match. It is also a nice gesture for the captains to shake hands with the referees and thank them for a job well done. Your demeanor visibly reflects on yourself, your team, your club and your town. Display exemplary decorum at all times. Please leave good impressions all over the state and region!

Sportsmanship:

The Competition Committee is extremely concerned about matches with very lopsided scores and/or grossly uneven play.

Please take extended measures to keep from running up the score on an outmatched opponent.

Play shorthanded, even several players shorthanded

Play players out of position

Play 5 -10 touches before a shot is taken

Stop taking shots completely

Play a player down at 3-0, play 2 down at 5-0

Require 5 complete passes before going forward

All players have to touch ball before going forward

Put high scorer in goal

Change forwards to defense and defense to forwards

Limit attackers to 2 or 3 over mid-field as situation dictates

GK cannot play ball with hands except for saves

GK can only hand feed the balls into own half

Be discrete about playing shorthanded or not shooting

Substitute for a player (U14 and younger) who receives a yellow card caution to explain or to cool off or both

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