



# Schwaben Athletic Club

Organized in the City of Chicago, State of Illinois 1926

## **Schwaben Athletic Club - Code of Conduct**

### **OBSERVE THE LAWS OF THE GAME**

All games need rules to guide them. Make an effort to learn the rules of soccer so you understand the game better. This will make you a better player and/or spectator.

### **RESPECT COACHES, TEAMMATES, OPPONENTS, REFEREES AND SPECTATORS**

Fair play means respect. Without opponents there would be no game. Your teammates are your colleagues. You form a team in which all members contribute to the game. Referees are present to maintain discipline and fair play. Always accept their decisions without arguing and help them to help you enjoy the game.

### **PLAY FAIR**

Winning is without value if victory has been achieved unfairly or dishonestly. Cheating is easy, but brings no satisfaction – reject corruption. Playing fairly in the spirit of the game requires courage and character. Fair play always has its reward, even when the game is lost. Playing fair earns you respect. Remember – Soccer is a game and games are pointless unless played fairly.

### **PLAY TO WIN**

Winning is the objective of playing the game. Never set out to lose. Never give up against stronger opponents and never relent against weaker ones.

### **ACCEPT DEFEAT WITH DIGNITY**

No team wins all the time. Learn to lose graciously. Congratulate the winners with good grace and do not blame the referee or anyone else for your loss. Determine to do better next time. Good losers earn more respect than bad winners.

### **PROMOTE RESPECTFUL BEHAVIOR AND REJECT DRUGS AND VIOLENCE**

Create a safe, healthy and positive environment for the players, their opponents and the spectators. Do not use foul language or conduct which is construed as offensive on the field or as a spectator on the sidelines. Take an active role in the prevention of drug, alcohol and tobacco abuse especially when involved or attending a soccer event. Respect the facilities where matches are played by leaving the grounds clean after practices and games.

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Signature of Player

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Signature of Parent

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