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**CDYSL Zero Tolerance Policy**  
(see [cdysl.org](http://cdysl.org) for original copy)  
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Code of Conduct

The Capital District Youth Soccer League (CDYSL), which is the governing body for youth soccer, has a strict Zero Tolerance Behavior Policy for Coaches, Players, Parents, and Spectators. The purpose of the policy is to ensure that all matches and soccer activities are played in a safe and positive environment for our youth soccer players.

**“CDYSL has instructed referees and club officers that they should not tolerate any deviations from the Code of conduct from players, coaches, or spectators; nor should they tolerate any actions, comments, or gestures that are deemed obscene, offensive, threatening, intimidating, insulting, degrading, argumentative or disrespectful. This includes behavior directed at the referee as well as behavior directed at the other players, coaches, or spectators.” (CDYSL zero tolerance behavior expectations; [cdysl.org](http://cdysl.org)).**

During the match, if a referee, coach, or club representative asks you to leave the match, you must leave immediately, or your team will forfeit the rest of the match. Any person who enters the field of play (which means - crosses the lines of the playing field), without direct permission of the referee, (including team personnel) will automatically receive a zero-tolerance violation.

**In the case that a person has been asked to leave the field of play, there has been a violation of RVW/CDYSL Code of Conduct, or a zero-tolerance report has been submitted to the CDYSL office, the following will occur.**

- 1.) An investigation by the RVW board members, plus a formal investigation from CDYSL zero tolerance committee will be conducted.
- 2.) If found guilty of the offense several things will occur depending on the severity of the violation.
  - a.) A Warning from CDYSL and from the club.
  - b.) You WILL personally pay any fines that were incurred by the violation to CDYSL.
  - c.) You may receive a suspension for one or more games.And/or
  - d.) You will possibly receive a suspension from attending games in the future.
- The RVW club has the right to impose stricter penalties to anyone that violates the policy, as well as issue penalties to coaches, players, parents, and spectators for improper behavior at a match or soccer activities, that a zero-tolerance report was NOT filed.

Your signature below states that you understand the Zero Tolerance Policy and are taking responsibility for your actions at all matches and soccer activities.

Player’s Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Team; \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

- This signature represents that you have also alerted family and friends of appropriate behavior.
- A full copy of the Zero tolerance can be found at <https://www.cdysl.org/media/35cff064-ac84-43ed-bdbc-19dcfa6d4d1c>. We will have a link on our website.