



POLICY MANUAL DARTMOUTH UNITED SOCCER CLUB

Policy & Procedure

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PREAMBLE

The aim of Dartmouth United's Code of Conduct is to promote a safe, positive and fun soccer environment for everyone. Dartmouth United is committed to upholding the Code of Conduct for its players, coaches and spectators.

Dartmouth United urges everyone involved in Club activities to work together in promoting a safe, positive and fun soccer environment. Upholding our Code of Conduct is a shared responsibility.

POLICY

1. In cases where spectators do not follow the principles outlined in the Code of Conduct, Dartmouth United has adopted the following disciplinary measures:

First occurrence	Any person who displays behaviour contrary to the Code of Conduct will be issued a verbal or written warning by the coach, manager or a representative of the Board of Directors.
Second occurrence	Any person who continues to display such behaviour will be suspended from all Club activities for a period of time determined by the Board of Directors.
Third occurrence	Any person who displays such behaviour on a third occasion will be banned from all Club activities indefinitely.

2. In cases of particularly serious incidents, the Board of Directors may impose immediate suspensions or bans from Club activities.
3. The Board of Directors may also revoke the Club registration for players associated with any person who fails to comply with disciplinary measures taken by the Club.

Note: In cases where players or coaches do not follow the principles outlined in the Code of Conduct, Dartmouth United will follow applicable Club, League, and/or Soccer Nova Scotia disciplinary procedures.



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PROCEDURE

1. Upon witnessing a breach of Dartmouth United's Code of Conduct by a spectator, the coach, manager and/or Board member issues the spectator with a verbal or written warning.
2. The person issuing the warning provides Dartmouth United's President with written notification within 10 days. This report should identify the spectator, the date of the breach, the nature of the breach, and any actions taken.
3.
 - a) The Club President presents the report to the Board of Directors at the next Board meeting.
 - b) After considering the report in light of any previous reports received regarding this spectator, the Board determines an appropriate course of action.
 - c) The President provides the spectator with a copy of this Policy, the Club's Code of Conduct, and written notification of the course of action within 10 days of the Board meeting.
4. Any appeals of the Board's decision are to be submitted to the President in writing and will be considered at the next Board meeting. The President will provide the spectator with written notice of the Board's subsequent determination within 10 days of this meeting. There is no mechanism for further appeal.

DEFINITIONS

Spectator: A person observing a soccer game, practice, or training session involving Dartmouth United players. This is not intended to include coaches, officials, players, or persons affiliated with another club. It may, however, include Dartmouth United coaches or players who are primarily observing, rather than participating in, the activity in question.

RELATED DARTMOUTH UNITED DOCUMENTS

Code of Conduct

HISTORICAL DATES

n/a: New policy