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### **Code of Conduct for All MWSL Players, Managers and Team Representatives**

The MWSL is offered for your enjoyment and therefore, your cooperation and sportsmanship is essential to the overall success of the league. All players, coaches, managers and spectators are expected to act in an acceptable manner before, during and after games. The MWSL reserves the right to take any disciplinary action it deems appropriate against players, coaches, team representatives, managers and spectators not acting in an acceptable manner, including, but not limited to suspension from games, expulsion from the league, and or fines. The MWSL Code of Conduct will be enforced before, during, and after all MWSL league or tournament play.

The Code of Conduct works in tandem with the MWSL's Bylaws and Rules and Regulations. All will be strictly enforced by the MWSL Board of Directors, using their discretion. The benefit a participant derives from this league depends very much on adherence to accepted standards of behavior. By submitting team and player registration, all players, coaches, team representatives and managers attest that they have read and understand this Code of Conduct. They further agree to abide by this Code of Conduct.

The following definitions provide information and direction to participants regarding standards of behavior, as well as consequences of participant/team misconduct.

- The term "individual" includes the following: coach, manager, team representative, player, fan or spectator.
- The term "official" includes the following: referee, scorekeeper, field manager.

All teams are responsible for the conduct of individual players and spectators. Misconduct may result in the penalty of an individual and/or team for all MWSL league games and tournaments. Players on multiple teams will be suspended from every team during any suspension.

The following is expected of each individual:

- Demonstrate courtesy, even when others do not
- Behave in a responsible manner, always exercising self-discipline
- Respect the rights and privileges of other individuals and officials.
- Respect all field property and facilities as well as the property of others.
- Cooperate with and assist officials in maintaining safety, order, and discipline.

1. No Individual Shall: At any time shove, strike, kick or otherwise intentionally physically harm any official or individual.
2. No Individual Shall: Be guilty of objectionable demonstration of dissent by throwing any object or any other forceful actions.
3. No Individual Shall: Discuss with official, in any manner, the decision reached by such official except a manager, coach or captain. Nor will any Individual demonstrate insubordination of any form resulting from a decision made by an official.
4. No Individual Shall: Be guilty of using unnecessarily rough tactics in the play of the game.
5. No Individual Shall: Use profane, obscene or vulgar language or gestures in any manner, or at any time on or off the playing field whether directed at another or in general.
6. No Individual Shall: Be guilty of a physical attack as an aggressor upon any individual or official with or without weapons of any sort. Officials are required to immediately suspend player from further play and report the incident to the MWSL Commissioner.
7. No Individual Shall: Be guilty of an abusive verbal attack upon or threatening of any official or individual on or off the playing field, whether directly or indirectly.
8. No Individual Shall: Appear on the field of play at any time in an intoxicated condition or under the influence of any type of alcohol or drug which will infringe upon their safety or the safety of others.
9. No Individual Shall: Be guilty of attempting to or damaging, destroying or stealing property including but not limited to other players' property, fields or equipment or other premises.
10. No Individual Shall: Be guilty of any demonstration of un-sportsmanlike conduct before, during, or after league or tournament play.
11. No Individual Shall: Be guilty of littering at the premises of any MWSL game or tournament.
12. No Individual Shall: Be guilty of violating any MWSL Rule or Regulation.

This code of conduct is an attempt to address any and all unsportsmanlike conduct within the MWSL. Any unsportsmanlike conduct, even if not mentioned above, will be addressed on a case by case basis. Game officials and/or the MWSL Board of Directors will determine if an act is "unsportsmanlike." Team penalties may be imposed if multiple individuals, from the same team, violate this code of conduct in a single game or if a pattern of behavior is displayed by a team. Managers, Coaches, and Team Representatives may also have penalties imposed on them for their team's/player's actions. Any discipline appeal must be made in writing, by the player or manager within 24 hours of receiving notice of discipline by the MWSL Board of Directors.

Please see the MWSL Rules and Regulations for penalties, fines and other information regarding expectations of individuals associated with the league.