



# FAN CODE OF CONDUCT AND PLEDGE TO FANS

## National Women's Soccer League Fan Code of Conduct

The National Women's Soccer League ("NWSL") is committed to creating safe, inclusive, free of discrimination, and enjoyable match-day experiences for all fans visiting stadiums and facilities. This Fan Code of Conduct was developed in collaboration with the Independent Supporters Council and addresses expected behavior that is consistent with these goals.

- Fans are encouraged to stand, cheer, sing, and otherwise support their team while remaining respectful and courteous to all players, coaches, fans, referees, and team and stadium staff.
- Fans are strictly prohibited from using threatening, abusive, or discriminatory words, signs, symbols, or actions based on race, ethnicity, sex, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, cultural identity, nationality, citizenship status, age, appearance, disability, and/or religion.
- Fans will refrain from displays of signs, symbols, words, or images for purposes of commercial use, electioneering, and/or campaigning or advocating for or against any political party, candidate, or legislation.
- Fans are expected to abide by local, state, and federal laws.
- Fans are to comply with posted stadium policies and emergency response procedures.

Any fan who violates any of these provisions may be subject to penalties, including, but not limited to, ejection without refund, loss of ticket privileges for future games, and revocation of season tickets. There are several factors that will be taken into consideration when issuing consequences to a fan who fails to meet the expectations laid out in the NWSL Fan Code of Conduct. Any fan who conducts themselves in an extremely disruptive or dangerous manner or commits multiple violations during a 12-month period, may be banned from attending future NWSL matches ranging from the remainder of the season up to a lifetime ban. The NWSL, in its sole and absolute discretion, may increase or decrease any prescribed penalties.

The following conduct is prohibited in all Stadium and all parking lots, facilities and areas controlled by the Team or NWSL:

- Fighting
- Fan violence
- Assault/battery on staff, vendors, or other patrons
- Using language that is threatening, abusive, or discriminatory in accordance with the Code of Conduct
- Throwing objects of any kind, towards the field, players, and/or officials
- Causing significant damage to venue property
- Provoking and/or inciting threatening, abusive, or discriminatory behavior
- Possession or use of an unauthorized pyrotechnic device, smoke, or firework, or attempting to use one inside the venue without prior approval
- Alcohol management - purchasing, or providing for consumption, alcohol for an underage minor
- Intrusion onto the field of play or designated area of play
- Entering, or attempting to enter, unauthorized areas of the venue
- Ignoring posted stadium policies and emergency response procedures
- Refusing to return the match ball
- Other misconduct where the venue is the victim, i.e. theft, scalping, minor property damage, etc.



## National Women's Soccer League Pledge to Fans

NWSL fans have a right to expect an environment where fans shall:

- Be able to watch the match in a safe, clean and healthy environment.
- Be treated in a courteous, consistent and professional manner.
- Be treated with dignity and respect by other spectators attending the match and those organizing the event.
- Be able to support his or her team, provided that the support is in good taste and neither adversely impacts the event experience of fellow spectators nor negatively impacts the match.
- Expect displays of good sportsmanship.
- Expect timely and accurate information related to the match.