

Player Development League (PDL) Ethics Policy

Membership in the Player Development League (PDL) is considered to be an automatic acceptance of its rules, policies and procedures.

The purpose of this league is to set the highest standards to develop youth players to their fullest potential – both physically and emotionally. As such, participants must conduct themselves to that same highest standard. At all times, adult participants are expected to be role models for the youth involved in this league - exhibiting good sporting behavior in both victory and defeat. All participants in the Player Development League (PDL) are members of WSYSA and therefore must adhere faithfully to its stated bylaws, rules and policies as well as to their intent. In addition to those stated bylaws, rules and policies, Adult members of the PDL will not:

1. Recruit Players – The definition of “recruit” for purposes of this league shall be: Approaching a player who is registered to and actively playing for another team within WSYSA, and asking them to either try-out or play for any other team, without first receiving prior written permission from the players’ current coach – even for purposes of guest play. (Email is considered acceptable “written permission”). **There are no “open periods” in the PDL;**
2. Acquire Teams from outside their Club;
3. Engage in behavior so as to be suspended, by any WSYSA or PDL disciplinary body, and/or acquire enough accumulated points so as to be required to stand before any WSYSA or PDL disciplinary body;
4. Unnecessarily hamper the playing of any scheduled match at its originally scheduled time and place, or cause undue hardship should the re-schedule of a match become necessary;
5. Allow players to exhibit unsporting behavior before, during, or after any sanctioned match or practice. This includes, but is not limited to blaming, (or teach players to blame) others in the case of defeat, or to excuse unsporting behavior;
6. Discourage players from participating in other sports or activities;
7. Accept players from another club who have outstanding fees to another member of WSYSA;
8. Hire a coach from another club and allow said coach to coach the same age and gender of his/her previous association

PDL Members alleged to be in violation of these, or any other stated USSF, USYSA, or WSYSA Codes of Ethics will be required to stand before the Player Development Committee (PDC) who will act as the League’s Ethics Committee. Allegations of ethics violations will be made in accordance with USSF, USYSA, and WSYSA bylaws and operating procedures, with a copy sent to the Chair of the PDC. A written decision of suspension by a WSYSA disciplinary body is automatically considered to be a written allegation of a PDL Ethics Violation.