



## STURGIS SOCCER ASSOCIATION POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

### *Policy #4*

**TITLE:** Rules of Conduct – Association Members

**APPROVAL DATE:** May 14, 2002

**REVISION DATE:** September 18, 2017

**POLICY:** All members of the Sturgis Soccer Association will exemplify positive sporting conduct on the fields and when acting as representatives of the SSA.

**PROCEDURE:**

1. Association members are as defined in the Sturgis Soccer Association By-Laws.
2. The SSA will investigate any reports of misconduct on the part of its members.
3. In the event that a member feels compelled to report the misconduct of another member, a Sturgis Soccer Association Report of Member Misconduct form is to be completed and submitted to the SSA Risk Manager. The Risk Manager will then report the conduct to the Executive Board who will determine the validity and severity of the reported instance and apply an appropriate course of action.

Abuse of the submission of reports of misconduct as determined by the Board of Directors constitutes an example of misconduct.

4. Serious or repeated instances of misconduct may result in punishments up to and including suspension from the Association.
5. Members will not use tobacco or drink alcohol at Sturgis Soccer Association functions (practices, games or meetings) at which players are present. The use of illegal drugs is strictly prohibited.
6. Examples of misconduct include, but are not limited to: swearing on the field, verbally or physically abusive behavior or sexual harassment. All players, coaches, officials and spectators are to be treated with the utmost respect at all events regardless of their location.