

SUSC Meetings Code of Conduct – adopted May 17, 2010

Participants at all meetings of the SUSC Board, committees, ad hoc groups, and General Meetings of the Association to the Board shall adhere to the following code of conduct:

- All individuals participating in meetings - Board members, staff, member representatives and guests - will be treated with dignity, honoring their uniqueness and value. There will be no tolerance for abuse, the use of derogatory remarks, personal insults, threats or any form of discrimination.
- Meetings held outside the normal course of the Board meetings where the intention is to gather new information, convey a new decision or potentially may commit SUSC to a specific course of action shall be attended by at least two members of the Board. All actions that occur at these meetings are further subject to the approval at the next Board meeting and should be reported at that time.
- Participants must deal with each other in an open, honest and respectful fashion.
- Participants will respect the views of others and allow others the opportunity to speak without interruption.
- Participants are expected to conduct business in an inclusive way.
- Meeting participants are expected to be constructive and represent the interests of the soccer community rather than individual constituencies.
- Participants are expected to have completed the necessary advance preparation for meetings, and be prepared to dedicate sufficient time and energy to the Board's business.
- Participants should arrive on time for meetings and stay for the duration of the meetings.
- Communication in meetings will be clear, timely, concise, to the topic and avoid indecorous language and/or reference to personalities.
- Participants will engage in communications in an orderly fashion such that multiple conversations aren't occurring at the same time.
- Individual participants will not seek to dominate proceedings.
- If the Chair of a meeting believes that a participant is in breach of the Code of Conduct, he or she will request the individual to withdraw from the meeting and be suspended from further participation.