



World Cup Coach/Player/Parent Agreement

Behavior - A fundamental aspect of coaching and playing is attitude and its physical display – Behavior. Everyone on a team, whether coach or player, needs to be on the team for the right reasons, and to talk, act, and be committed for those reasons. Live by the Golden Rule: *“Treat others the way you would like to be treated.”*

Playing Time – is at the sole discretion of the coach. Many factors will go into the decision – talent/skill of the player as well as attitude, behavior, practice/game attendance and timeliness, practice/game performance as well as the importance of the game (e.g. tournament final verses a friendly) and the current score. Playing time will not be equal for all players in the competitive ages (U11+). At U10 and down, the club’s primary focus is to develop players, so playing time will be fair with a goal of 50% minimum of each game per payer, but still not necessarily equal.

Player Positions – are at the sole discretion of the coach. On competitive age teams (U11+) most players will have a primary position on the team, which will be the one that will help the team the most – team comes first. When game conditions allow (i.e. the importance of the game/ the current score) then the coach may opt to play players in different positions in the interest of learning. At U10 and down, the club’s primary focus is to develop players, so positions will be rotated with a goal of giving players a chance to try all positions throughout the season.

Team Assignments – for competitive age team players (U11+) will be made at tryouts. However, based on development stage of player and fit within that team, the coach may designate a player to another appropriate team within the club when the coach & Director of Coaching agree the move will improve a) the player’s individual development and b) competitiveness of at least one of the affected team.

Problem Resolution –when problems or issues arise, please discuss with the coach first via phone or email. Do not approach the coach immediately after games to resolve problems. Everyone involved with a team must work to guide players toward mature conflict resolution, decision making, balance and happiness. Progression through the team manager or directly to the Director of Boys/Girls Soccer or Director of Coaching is the next resolution.

Player Expectations

1. Respect for teammates, coaches, referees, parents and opponents.
2. High level of commitment and dedication for training sessions, games, winter skills, winter indoors and practicing on their own
 - a. Give 100% effort each time they walk on the field – training and games.
 - b. Be on time for training and games (30 minutes prior for games or as specified by coach).
 - c. Attend as many of the training sessions/games as possible - at least 90%
3. Take care of your own equipment and the fields you play on, (i.e. pick up trash even if it’s not yours)
4. Focus on the things you can control.
5. Bring a properly inflated ball and plenty of water to all training sessions/games.

Parent Expectations

1. Do not coach your player from the sidelines. Let the coaches do their jobs.
2. Encourage and acknowledge good play and effort by both teams.
3. Never say anything negative to any of the players – they are all learning.
4. Respect the referee’s decisions at all times and be a role model for your child.
5. All parents will volunteer 6 hours at the club’s tournament.

Coach Expectations

1. Be consistent in carrying out the team’s philosophy as clearly set by the coach pre-season.
2. Be on time for games and training sessions.
3. Player development is still Job #1. The coach will work hard to not only grow the skills of his players – but to grow them as individuals capable of understanding and participating in the larger game in which we live. Youth soccer should always focus on the development of the players as well as be fun, however travel soccer is played to win provided game integrity is not sacrificed or doing something against our philosophy.

We are committed to making a positive impact on this team and will fulfill the above expectations.

Coach _____ Date _____

Player _____ Date _____

Parent _____ Date _____