



PLAYER AND PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT

This document should be reviewed by each Madeira FC player before traveling out of town for tournaments, competitions, or team activities involving overnight stays. Parents should discuss this document with their children to ensure they understand the requirements and the importance of adhering to this code of conduct. Coaches and/or parents should also review these guidelines with the players at the beginning of the trip.

When traveling as a member of MFC, you represent yourself, your family, your team, your club, and your community. Our goal is for everyone we meet to say, "That MFC team was the BEST group of young people we have ever encountered." Nothing less meets club expectations.

STANDARDS OF CONDUCT:

- **Honesty and Respect:** Always demonstrate honesty, good sportsmanship, courtesy, and respect towards others.
- **Follow Rules:** Adhere to the policies, procedures, rules, and regulations of your coaches and team admins at all times.
- **Obey Directions:** Follow all directions provided by parents and coaches.
- **Language:** Do not use abusive, foul, or offensive language.
- **Behavior:** Avoid yelling, loud talking, wrestling, horseplay, roaming the halls, or any disruptive conduct in the hotel.
- **No Indoor Soccer:** No indoor soccer of any kind is permitted at the hotel (e.g., sock soccer, balloon soccer, tin-can soccer, pop bottle soccer).
- **Theft and Vandalism:** Theft or possession of stolen property is prohibited. Willful destruction of property is prohibited and requires restitution by the perpetrator.
- **Health:** Get plenty of sleep, eat nutritious food, and drink lots of water.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

- **Hotels/Lodging.** Remember that a hotel is a place of business, and you are not the only guest. Activities in hallways are prohibited. Avoid yelling or loud talking in lobby areas. Do not engage in horseplay inside any area of the hotel. Clean up after yourself and refrain from playing pranks on teammates or other guests.

- **Nightly Curfew:** Curfew is set by your coach. No one is allowed to leave the hotel during free time without permission from the coaches or team admins. Players must stay in their assigned rooms after curfew. Coaches and parents need rest too.
- **Participation:** Players are expected to attend all scheduled meals and activities, be prompt for designated activities and team meetings, and dress appropriately.
- **Pool Use:** While swimming and pool play can be fun, they can also deplete players' strength and energy. Coaches or admins may shut down pool activities if it gets too late, if kids are in danger, or if they have been active for too long. Parents must be present when players are in the pool area to ensure they are ready for games.

CONSEQUENCES OF VIOLATING THE CODE OF CONDUCT:

Players who violate any of the standards or policies in this document will meet with their coach. Appropriate actions may include:

- Loss of playing time
- Game suspensions (up to and including being sent home, with notification)
- Permanent removal from the MFC roster

If a player is dismissed and sent home early from an out-of-town event, the expense will be the responsibility of the player's parents or guardians.

Out-of-town games and tournaments offer a tremendous opportunity for MFC and its athletes to grow together on and off the field. By following these standards of conduct, you will help ensure a positive travel experience for yourself, your family, your team, your club, and the community you are visiting. Represent yourself and MFC in a way that makes you and your family proud.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

I have read and understand the Player's Code of Conduct policy and agree to abide by its letter and spirit as an MFC Madeira player.

Print Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____