Sports4all - Policy Manual POLICY

- CODE OF CONDUCT Effective

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Sports4all will act with integrity in performing all duties owed to its Membership, the soccer community and the community at large.

Sports4all will demand the highest standard of personal conduct from its executive and any representative of the Club in any transaction and these transactions must be characterized by courtesy, good faith and respect.

Sports4all agrees to accept both the letter and spirit of the rules that define and govern sport and support the principles of fair play.

Sports4all recognizes soccer's contribution to the enrichment of life and is dedicated to the development of physical, mental, social and emotional fitness for our players.

Sports4all will ensure:

For the Players:

- A commitment to take all required steps to ensure the protection of our minor athletes in
 potentially vulnerable situations by ensuring that more than one adult is present. Vulnerable
 situations can include, but are not limited to, closed doors meetings, travel, and training
 environments amongst others.
- Develop an appreciation for the game of soccer and develop the individual to the best of his/her ability.
- Provide appropriate level of competition for all players.
- Act in the best interest of the athlete's development as a whole person.

For the Coaches:

- Provide support and ongoing training for coaches within the club.
- Provide coaches with a Code of Ethics representing the club's expectations of them as coaches with the Sports4all

For the Parents:

- To encourage parents to participate in the development of players by volunteering.
- Make athletic participation for your child a positive experience.

For the Referees:

- Provide an atmosphere of support and respect for them as officials of the game of soccer.
- Provide ongoing training for all our junior and senior referees.

For the Community:

- Govern all youth and junior soccer within the geographic boundaries of Canada.
- To promote best interest of soccer in the community, province, and country.

The Sports4all expects from its Membership: Players:

- Wear uniform proudly.
- Arrive on time.
- Obey directions of your coach.
- Act in a sportsmanlike manner always.
- Avoid improper conduct.
- Respect referee's decision
- Be aware that the laws of soccer forbid abusive language and racial innuendo.
- While representing the Sports4all at tournaments or any other event, all players will conduct themselves in a proper and orderly manner.
- When required all players will wear the uniform provided to them by the Sports4all

Coaches:

- Always adhere to the "Rule of Two"
 - This means that any one-on-one interaction between a Sports4all representative and an athlete must take place within the presence of the second adult, with the exception of medical emergencies.
 - Should there be a circumstance where a screened, trained, and certified representative is not available, a screened volunteer, parent, or adult can be recruited.
- Review and practice "Sports4all Guidelines on Safe Working Practice for Adults Working with Children and Youth"
- Support the principles of fair play and promote sportsmanship.
- Treat players with respect and allow them to participate equally no matter what talent they have.
- Be responsible for encouraging good conduct by parents and players at games.
- Help athletes develop a positive self-image.
- While representing Sports4all at tournaments or any other event, it is the responsibility of the
 coach to ensure that all players under his control will not attempt to embarrass or demean
 their hosts or act in any way which would serve to bring the Sports4all into disrepute.

Parents:

- Be kind to your child's coach and to officials. The Coach is a volunteer giving of personal time
 and money to provide a recreational activity for your child. The coach is providing valuable
 community service often without reward other than the personal satisfaction of having served
 his community.
- Applaud good plays by your team and by members of the opposing team.
- At every soccer match you require someone to be in control. That is the official. This person allows your child to play this game fairly. Please do not abuse them. They are doing their best. Please remember many of our referees are young people who are learning the game themselves. Treat them, as you would like your child treated. Let us respect their decisions.
- Please make sure your child is on time for games and practices.
- Please assist us in making it a pleasant experience by volunteering whenever possible.