



## **Parent Code of Conduct**

This code of conduct helps to ensure a positive and supportive environment for all participants in Soccer4Life, promoting not just athletic development but also sportsmanship and community values.

### **1. Introduction**

At Soccer4Life, we are committed to fostering a positive and supportive environment for our young athletes. This Parent Code of Conduct outlines the expectations and responsibilities for parents to ensure a respectful and enjoyable experience for all participants, coaches, and families involved in our program.

### **2. General Conduct**

#### **2.1 Respectful Behavior**

- Always demonstrate respect towards coaches, referees, players, and other parents.
- Refrain from using abusive, offensive, or inappropriate language or gestures.
- Support and encourage all players, regardless of skill level or team affiliation.

#### **2.2 Positive Support**

- Focus on the enjoyment and development of your child rather than winning at all costs.
- Applaud good play from both your child's team and their opponents.
- Emphasize effort, improvement, and teamwork over results.
- To ensure a focused and productive training environment, we kindly ask parents not to interfere with practice sessions. Please maintain a respectful distance from the team area during training.
- Parents are responsible for ensuring that their child arrives with adequate refreshments (water, sports drink, etc.) to avoid disruptions caused by children leaving the training area to seek out parents.
- All players are expected to wear the designated team practice uniform provided to them. Adherence to team dress code helps build unity and professionalism among the group.

- For our younger teams, we will occasionally request volunteer parents to sit near the team bench during games and practices to help monitor and support the players. All volunteers will be required to undergo a background check in compliance with Soccer4Life and league safety policies.

## **2.3 Non-Interference**

- Allow coaches to coach and referees to officiate without interference.
- Avoid entering the playing field or technical areas unless specifically invited.
- Refrain from coaching your child or other players during matches or training sessions.

## **3. Communication**

### **3.1 Constructive Feedback**

- Provide constructive feedback to your child in a supportive manner.
- Address any concerns or questions to the coach or program officials in a private and respectful manner.

### **3.2 Respect for Program Decisions**

- Respect and adhere to all decisions made by coaches and program officials regarding team selection, playing time, and other matters.
- Understand that such decisions are made in the best interest of the team and the development of all players.

### **3.3 Open Dialogue**

- Maintain open lines of communication with the program regarding your child's development, health, and any relevant concerns.
- Inform coaches of any medical conditions, injuries, or personal circumstances that may affect your child's participation.

## **4. Attendance and Punctuality**

### **4.1 Timeliness**

- Ensure your child arrives on time for training sessions, matches, and team events.
- Collect your child promptly at the end of each activity.

### **4.2 Attendance Commitment**

- Make every effort to ensure your child attends all scheduled activities.
- Notify the coach in advance if your child is unable to attend a session or match.
- Please respond to ALL messages from Coaches so they know you received and that you are in compliance or agreement – it's important!

## **5. Sportsmanship and Fair Play**

### **5.1 Role Model Behavior**

- Model good sportsmanship and fair play for your child and other participants.
- Encourage your child to respect their opponents, teammates, and officials.

### **5.2 Winning and Losing Gracefully**

- Teach your child to win with humility and lose with dignity.
- Avoid placing undue pressure on your child to perform or achieve specific outcomes.

## **6. Safety and Wellbeing**

### **6.1 Health and Safety**

- Ensure your child is in good health and has the appropriate gear and equipment for participation.
- Inform the coach of any medical conditions or special requirements.

### **6.2 Encouraging a Safe Environment**

- Promote a safe and supportive environment free from bullying, harassment, and discrimination.
- Report any safety concerns or incidents to program officials immediately.

## **7. Alcohol, Tobacco, and Drug-Free Environment**

### **7.1 Substance Use Policy**

- Refrain from consuming alcohol, tobacco, or illegal drugs at all Soccer4Life events.
- Support a healthy and drug-free environment for all participants.

## **8. Social Media and Public Representation**

### **8.1 Responsible Use**

- Use social media responsibly and avoid posting negative or inflammatory comments about the program, coaches, players, or officials.
- Respect the privacy and dignity of all participants by avoiding sharing sensitive or inappropriate content.

## **8.2 Promoting Positivity**

- Promote the positive aspects of the program and share your support for the values of Soccer4Life.
- Highlight the achievements and efforts of all participants in a positive light.
- Parents are expected to maintain a respectful and positive tone when engaging in team-related communication. Please refrain from posting aggressive, inappropriate, or emotionally charged comments in team group chats or forums.
- For any concerns, questions, or clarifications, we encourage parents to privately message the coach or designated team coordinator rather than addressing them publicly in group settings.

## **9. Compliance and Consequences**

### **9.1 Adherence to Code**

- Understand that adherence to this code is mandatory for all parents and guardians involved in Soccer4Life.
- Acknowledge that failure to comply with this code may result in disciplinary action, including but not limited to warnings, suspension of privileges, or removal from the program.

### **9.2 Dispute Resolution**

- Address any disputes or grievances through the appropriate channels as outlined by the program.
- Work collaboratively with program officials to resolve issues in a fair and respectful manner.

## 10. Acknowledgment

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read, understood, and agree to abide by the Soccer4Life Parent Code of Conduct. I recognize the importance of my role in supporting my child and contributing to a positive and respectful sporting environment.

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Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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For any questions or clarifications regarding this Parent Code of Conduct, please contact Soccer4Life at (251) 458-2664.