



Soccer4Life – Parent Code of Conduct

This Code of Conduct helps ensure a positive, safe, and supportive environment for all participants in Soccer4Life, promoting athletic development, sportsmanship, accountability, and strong 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 of parents and guardians to ensure a respectful, organized, and enjoyable experience for players, coaches, officials, and families involved in our program.

2. General Conduct

2.1 Respectful Behavior

- Always demonstrate respect toward 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.
- Parents are responsible for the conduct of family members and friends attending Soccer4Life events. Failure by guests to adhere to Soccer4Life rules may result in disciplinary action affecting both the parent and the player, including suspension or removal from the program.

2.2 Positive Support

- Focus on the enjoyment, growth, and development of your child rather than winning at all costs.
- Applaud good play from both teams.
- Emphasize effort, improvement, and teamwork over results.
- Parents are asked not to interfere with training sessions and to maintain a respectful distance from the team area.
- Parents must ensure their child arrives with adequate refreshments (water, sports drink, etc.) to prevent disruptions during training.
- All players are expected to wear the designated Soccer4Life practice uniform. Adherence to the dress code promotes unity, professionalism, and discipline.
- For younger teams, volunteer parents may be requested to assist near the team bench. All volunteers must complete a background check in accordance with Soccer4Life and league safety policies.

2.3 Non-Interference

- Allow coaches to coach and referees to officiate without interference.
- Do not enter the playing field, technical areas, or team bench unless invited.
- Refrain from coaching your child or other players during practices or games.
- Parents are not permitted to approach the team bench at halftime or during breaks to discuss their child's performance.

3. Communication Expectations

3.1 Constructive and Respectful Communication

- Communicate with coaches in a respectful, constructive manner.
- Allow reasonable time for coaches to respond to messages, understanding that some may not have access to their phones during work hours.
- Be mindful of the time of day or night when sending messages.

3.2 Team Communication Platforms

- All team GroupMe messages are limited to “Yes” or “No” responses only.
- Any detailed questions, concerns, or explanations must be sent via direct message or text to the coach.
- Parents are expected to read previous messages before asking questions, as the information may have already been addressed.
- Parents should not contact coaches through social media platforms unless explicitly given permission to do so.

3.3 Respect for Program Decisions

- Respect all decisions made by coaches and program officials regarding team selection, playing time, attendance, and discipline.
- Understand that these decisions are made in the best interest of player development and team structure.
- Failure to attend at least one practice during the week may affect a player's playing time on game day.

3.4 Open Dialogue

- Maintain open and honest communication regarding your child's development, health, and wellbeing.
- Inform coaches of any medical conditions, injuries, or personal matters that may impact participation.
- We prioritize the safety of all participants. Parents and guardians must inform management staff of any individuals who are **not authorized** to pick up their child(ren) from games or practices.

4. Attendance, Punctuality, and Supervision

4.1 Timeliness and Commitment

- Ensure your child arrives on time for practices, games, and team events.
- Pick up your child promptly at the conclusion of each activity.
- Parents must respond to all coach communications to confirm receipt and compliance.

4.2 Player Supervision and Safety

- Parents must not allow their child to walk to their vehicle alone after practice or games.
- If parents remain in their vehicle during practice, they must return to the field 5-10 minutes before practice ends.
- If a parent must leave the park for more than 10 minutes, the child must leave with the parent for the remainder of the evening.
- Coaches cannot assist players with restroom visits while training is actively being conducted.

5. Sportsmanship and Fair Play

5.1 Role Model Behavior

- Model positive sportsmanship and respectful behavior at all times.
- Encourage respect for teammates, opponents, coaches, and officials.

5.2 Winning and Losing with Character

- Teach children to win with humility and lose with dignity.
- Avoid placing undue pressure on players regarding performance or outcomes.

6. Safety and Wellbeing

6.1 Health and Safety Responsibilities

- Ensure your child is physically prepared and equipped for participation.
- Notify coaches of any health-related concerns or special needs.

6.2 Safe Environment Commitment

- Support a safe, inclusive environment free from bullying, harassment, or discrimination.
- Report safety concerns or incidents immediately to Soccer4Life officials.

7. Alcohol, Tobacco, and Drug-Free Environment

- Alcohol, tobacco, vaping products, and illegal drugs are strictly prohibited at all Soccer4Life events.
- Parents are expected to uphold and support a healthy, drug-free environment.

8. Social Media and Public Representation

8.1 Responsible Use

- Use social media responsibly.
- Do not post negative, aggressive, or inflammatory content about Soccer4Life, players, coaches, referees, or officials.
- Respect the privacy of all participants.

8.2 Promoting Positivity

- Share positive moments and achievements that reflect Soccer4Life values.

- Maintain respectful communication in team group chats.
- Address concerns privately with coaches or team coordinators rather than publicly.

9. Compliance and Consequences

9.1 Adherence

- Compliance with this Code of Conduct is mandatory for all parents and guardians.
- Violations may result in warnings, reduced privileges, suspension, or removal from the program.

9.2 Dispute Resolution

- Disputes must be handled through proper Soccer4Life channels.
- Parents are expected to work collaboratively with program leadership to resolve issues respectfully and constructively.

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.

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Signature:_____

Date:_____

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