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CODE OF CONDUCT

As a club, we have a responsibility to ensure that all young players at the club are protected and safeguarded at all times.

JOINING THE CLUB

1. On signing up to Fylde Coast Soccer (FCS), parents of a new player should already have provided the club with an emergency contact number and a home address by completing our Consent/Membership Form.
2. It is essential that all parents/guardians read all documentation attached in this email. FCS recognise payment of the yearly membership fee and first set of monthly subs as confirmation that parents/guardians are agreeing to adhere by this Code of Conduct.
3. Before any child can train at the club, the Consent/Membership Form must have been completed.
4. If a player has previously been a member of another football club, all equipment/kit belonging to that club & outstanding fees must have been returned or paid or both before the Chairman of FCS will authorise transfer into this club.

BELONGING TO THE CLUB

As a parent of a child at FCS, you are committing to ensuring that your child is available at the correct dates and times with the correct equipment. In addition, the attitude and behaviours exhibited by parents can influence the attitude of the players and the reputation of the club in the community. It is important that the enjoyment of the game and the welfare of the young players are paramount at all times.

1. Ensure that the days and times required for training and matches are made available and that appropriate transportation is organised.
2. Players should arrive at training in suitable sportswear (FCS kits are available but are not compulsory. As a club we will look to source sponsors to provide these for all teams.),

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suitable footwear and wearing shin pads. Please ensure that they are dressed appropriately for the weather (sunny or cold) and have a full water/drinks bottle. No jewellery is permitted due to health safety concerns.

3. For children who wear glass spectacles, sports goggles are recommended. If a child is playing at the weekend for an FCS team, players should arrive at the match venue at the time specified by the club coach, in the correct and full match kit and suitable footwear for the surface being played upon. Again, no jewellery is permitted due to health safety concerns. As at training, please ensure that players are dressed appropriately for the weather (sunny or cold) and have a full water/drinks bottle.

*Please be aware that any match kits remain the property of FCS and should one become lost or damaged (beyond expected or reasonable wear and tear), it is the parent's responsibility to replace it.

4. The club recommends that parents/guardians stay to watch their child during training sessions and matches. However, if this is not possible, it is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to supervise their child entering the arena/pitch and making contact with the coach at the start of each session. The emergency contact number **MUST** be available for the duration of the training session or match and parents/guardians must arrive at least ten minutes before the end of the session or match ready to collect their child and receive feedback if necessary. **CHILDREN WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO LEAVE THEIR COACH WITHOUT AN ADULT TO COLLECT THEM.**
5. Parents should avoid placing undue pressure on the children. Remember that the children play football for their own enjoyment; not to fulfil any personal ambitions adults may have.
6. Remain in regular contact with your child's coach, especially if your child is unable to attend a match or training session.
7. Smoking or drinking alcohol at matches or training events is not permitted.
8. Always respect the members of FCS and any other clubs - never harass, abuse, or otherwise humiliate the children, coaches or parents.
9. Exhibit good sportsmanship at all times, never condone violations of the laws of the game or exhibit behaviour contrary to the spirit of the laws of the game.
10. Encourage and guide your child to accept responsibility for their own behaviour and performance.
11. Never attempt to control or advise your child from the side-lines.
12. Always look for and encourage positive attributes or performance and effort from your child.
13. Always respect the decisions of the referee and the coach.

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14. Any offensive, abusive or insulting remarks made toward any player, official, coach or parent in person, in any correspondence or via social media will not be tolerated.

SHOULD A PLAYER & PARENT DEPART FROM THE CLUB

As a club we are aware that personal circumstances change and that at some point it may become unfeasible for your child to continue to remain at FCS. At this point, the club has following expectations of parents:

1. Provide the club with as much notice as possible so that a team of children are not left unable to play.
2. Return all match kit provided by FCS, in a safe and reasonable condition, within 7 days of the final training session/match.
3. Avoid any offensive, abusive or insulting remarks made regarding players, coaches, officials, or parents associated with FCS in person, in any correspondence or via social media now and after your child's departure.

By reading this document and paying the yearly membership fee and monthly subs, parents/guardians agree to abide by these principles and guidelines. FCS reserves the right to remove any parent or child from the club if any part of this policy is breached. In addition, if deemed appropriate to protect the good name of the club or the welfare of its members, disciplinary, monetary or legal action may be taken.

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