



# **SOUTH COAST UNITED SOCCER CLUB CODE OF CONDUCT**



## Table of Contents

PARENTS/GUARDIANS .....	3
PLAYERS .....	4
COACHES.....	5
ADMINSTRATORS AND OFFICALS.....	6
APPENDIX 1 – APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP OF CLUB SUMMARY OF ALTERATIONS .....	7



## PARENTS/GUARDIANS

- ❖ As representatives of the South Coast United Soccer Club all parents/ guardians shall conduct themselves in accordance with the rules and regulations that follow
- ❖ Parents/guardians shall make every attempt to attend meetings of the South Coast United Soccer Club
- ❖ Parents/guardians shall make every attempt to support fundraising that benefits youth soccer and/or the South Coast United Soccer Club
- ❖ Parents/guardians shall provide his or her child's Coach with any requested support to make each player's experience an enjoyable one.
- ❖ Parents/guardians shall make every attempt to have their child attend all scheduled practices and games and shall notify his/her Coach of the inability to attend a game or practice as early as possible.
- ❖ Parents/ guardians shall ensure that their child arrives at scheduled practices and games on time and is promptly picked up at the end of scheduled practices and games.
- ❖ Parents/guardians must conduct his/her in manner promoting good sportsmanship in both game and practice situations.
- ❖ Under no circumstances shall parent/guardian verbally or physically abuses a player, a coach, a referee or a spectator. Any infraction to this rule or any other questionable conduct of a parent/guardian should be reported to the Committee.
- ❖ Questionable conduct of a parent/guardian may result in warnings or revocation of membership.
- ❖ The President will duly notify the parent/guardian of the Committee's decision.
- ❖ Focus on the child's efforts and performance rather than winning or losing.
- ❖ Encourage players to always participate by the rules and accept the match official's decisions.
- ❖ Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or for losing a game. Positive-comments are motivational.
- ❖ Remember that children learn best by example. Applaud good performance and efforts from each team. Congratulate all participants upon their performance regardless of the game's outcome.



## PLAYERS

As representatives of the South Coast United Soccer Club all players shall conduct themselves in accordance with the rules and regulations that follow.

- ❖ Play by the rules.
- ❖ Be a good sport. Applaud all good plays whether they are those of your team, or the other team. Shake hands after the game and don't forget to thank the referee.
- ❖ Players shall be committed to the best interests of their team.
- ❖ Players shall make every attempt to attend all scheduled practices and games and shall notify his/her Coach of the inability to attend a game or practice as early as possible.
- ❖ Players must wear the proper South Coast United Soccer Club uniform and any other items required by the South Coast United Soccer Club and/or any organisation that governs the South Coast United Soccer Club, in order to play in any game.
- ❖ Under no circumstances shall a player verbally or physically abuse a player, a coach, a referee or a spectator. Any infraction to this rule, or any other questionable conduct of a player should be reported to the Committee.
- ❖ Questionable conduct of a player may result in warnings, suspensions or revocation of playing privileges which will be decided by the Committee. His/her Coach will duly notify the player of the Committee's decision.



## COACHES

- ❖ Remember that children participate for pleasure and that winning is only part of the fun. Never ridicule or yell at children for making a mistake or for losing a game.
- ❖ Be reasonable in your demands on your players' time, energy and enthusiasm.
- ❖ Teach your players to always play by the rules.
- ❖ Avoid overplaying the talented players - the "just average" need and deserve equal time.
- ❖ Ensure that equipment and facilities meet safety standards and are appropriate to the age and ability of the players.
- ❖ Develop team respect for the ability of opponents and for the judgment of officials and opposing coaches.
- ❖ Follow the advice of a physician when determining when an injured player is ready to recommence training or competition.
- ❖ Keep up to date with the latest coaching practices and information on the principles of growth and development of children.
- ❖ Accentuate the positives rather than draw attention to the negatives.
- ❖ Call attention to player's mistakes indirectly.
- ❖ Whenever possible, group players to ensure that everyone has a reasonable chance of success.
- ❖ Talk about your own mistakes before criticising others.
- ❖ Ask questions instead of giving orders.
- ❖ Allow the other person to save face.
- ❖ Praise all improvements, even the slightest.
- ❖ Lead by example both on and off the field.
- ❖ Demonstrate the right way rather than criticise the wrong way.



## ADMINISTRATORS AND OFFICIALS

- ❖ Give all children an equal chance to participate.
- ❖ Ensure that rules, equipment, length of games and training schedules suit the age, ability and maturity level of players.
- ❖ Provide quality supervision and instruction for players, coaches and officials.
- ❖ Remember that children participate for enjoyment ... don't over-emphasise awards.
- ❖ Help coaches and officials highlight appropriate behaviours and skill development, and help improve the standards of coaching and officiating.
- ❖ Ensure everyone involved in junior sport emphasises fair play, not winning at costs.
- ❖ Provide access to Codes of Acceptable Conduct for officials, coaches, players, parents and spectators and encourage them to stick to it.
- ❖ Teams representing South Coast United Soccer Club
- ❖ in “A” Grade competition have the flexibility to manage the game time of the children during the year to maximize the chances of winning both games and the competition

