



## USA Family Canon

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As families in the United Soccer Athletes (USA) Club we are all joined by common desire to provide our athletes with a positive experience and the chance to strengthen their soccer abilities. We are also a critical part of ensuring the realization of these desires. With this in mind, we must embrace and uphold a number of tenets that are both generally understood and unique to our Club. They are as follows:

- Keep all players safe at all times
- Lead by example while actively guiding your athlete and fellow parents to embrace the tenets of positive behavior, high character, universal respect, sportsmanship, and Club loyalty
- Work together with other parents and your team management to provide all players the best experience possible
- Embrace and learn the game of soccer and its rules
- Cheer loud and positively for your team and players but do not direct any negative language/tone toward any opposing team players/parents or the game officials
- Understand and uphold Club guidance and policies, including the Code of Conduct
- Support the reality that practice time is limited and that the only way that your athlete will truly develop their individual skill is by repetition on their own so home work is encouraged and expected by your team leadership and the Club
- Support your team coaches' instruction by minimizing "parent coaching", particularly from the sidelines or car rides to/from games
- Be aware of your athletes' behavior and attitude at practices and Club functions to help ensure a productive environment for the coaches to work and all players to grow (be receptive to helping your team leadership with matters of focus and discipline)
- Understand that the Club embraces multi-activity athletes, however expects that attendance, dedication, focus, and effort are invested for their own growth, the experience of their teammates, and the strength of the Club
- Strive to maintain open communication with your team's coaches by communicating with them directly about any team or player-related positive feedback, question or issues and, as necessary, also communicate the same with the Club leadership
- Support Club and team-provided activities to maximize opportunities for your athlete and build team and Club-wide unity, including participation in Club camps/training, tournaments, winter leagues, etc
- Do not use Club assets, communications, contacts, or resources for purposes that do not benefit or are outside of the Club