



## 2013-2014 FC Academy Soccer Club Code of Conduct for Parents

1. Will be positive, supportive and ethical in your actions to each and every person (players, coaches, other spectators) on your team as well all individuals on the opposing team.
2. Will understand and accept the fact that the coaches, and only the coaches, determine positions and playing times.
3. Will discuss questions about games and training with coaches after, and not during, games and practices; coaches may request a “cooling off” period between the completion of a game and game discussion.
4. Will not attempt to “coach” players from the sidelines, because players must listen to their coaches and their instructions.
5. Will learn the rules of the game to better understand decisions of the coaches and game officials.
6. Will appreciate the time and energies donated by the team manager and team representatives, and cooperate with their requests.
7. Will follow the communication guidelines set out by the Club, that is:
  - A. Contact the managers with non-game questions, i.e. paperwork, deadlines, etc.
  - B. Contact the coaches with questions relating to the game, the player’s status on the team, etc., unless otherwise instructed by the coach.
  - C. Contact the Director of Coaching only after attempts to resolve questions with the team coaches have been unsuccessful.
8. Will set a positive example for the players by respecting game officials and accepting their decisions, whether they are agreed with or not. Encourage fair play, good sportsmanship, competitive play, and cheering instead of yelling. (A parent acting-out in a foul or abusive manner during any game can also be ejected from the field with a red card resulting in a send off penalty against the team as well as a personal suspension and a possible fine pending a hearing from their respective TSSA Committee).
9. Will refrain from: questioning, criticizing or abusing officials, taunting or booing players or officials, using profanity or degrading gestures, coaching from the sideline.
10. Will pay my child’s dues on time to ensure he/she is eligible to play.

**NOTE:** In competitive soccer, if any “non-player”, i.e. parent, friend, etc. is asked to leave the sidelines by the referee due to misbehavior, verbal or otherwise, and does not comply the COACH may then be instructed to leave – leaving the team without a coach during the game.

***Failure to comply with the above may result in disciplinary action including but not limited to a fine. If a fine is imposed and is not timely paid by the due date, further sanctions may result including suspension from the team or club. Removal from the club will not alleviate any outstanding financial obligations owed to FC Academy Soccer Club.***

**I agree to abide by the code of conduct. I understand that I play an important role in creating a positive environment for player development. Furthermore, I understand that I represent the FC Academy organization in the community and as such my conduct will be appropriate and supportive of the guidelines stated above.**