

# Soaring Capital Soccer Club

## Code of Conduct

The Soaring Capital Soccer Club will make every effort to accommodate all youth that wish to play soccer by providing appropriate opportunities and resources. It will accomplish this through educational programs and activities that:

1. Teach and develop skills of both youth and adults in the playing and coaching of youth soccer.
2. Promote, foster and perpetuate the growth of youth soccer.
3. Encourage good sportsmanship and fair play among the participants, fans, parents, coaches, referees and players.

### COACHES CODE OF CONDUCT

#### **With Regard to My Players:**

I believe that my role as a coach is to contribute to the overall success, physical, and athletic growth of the player through participation in soccer.

- I will endeavor to be a good instructor and a positive role model for my players.
- I believe that the score of a game comes second to the safety and welfare of all my players.
- I will endeavor to put winning in its proper perspective.
- I am responsible for understanding and competing within the letter and the spirit of the Laws of the Game.
- I will teach my players to understand and play within the letter and spirit of the Laws, as well.

#### **With Regard to Opposing Teams:**

I believe that the way my team conducts itself can also have an influence, for better or worse, on those we compete against.

- I will endeavor to make my team a positive role model.
- I will not coach, nor allow my players to play, with intent to cause injury to opposing players.
- Neither I nor my players and spectators will display hostile behavior towards opposing players.
- I will emphasize winning without boasting and losing without bitterness.

#### **With Regard to Referees:**

- I believe that Referees, just as coaches and players, are attempting to do their best.
- I will instill in my players and spectators a respect for that fact.
- I understand that my attitude can influence my players and spectators.
- I will display a controlled and undemonstrative attitude toward Referees at all times.

- Neither I nor my players and spectators will address a Referee before, during or after the game in a demeaning fashion.

Coaches are responsible for the conduct of their players and the spectators on their side of the field, specifically as it relates to the referee, coaches, players and spectators on the other team. Verbal and/or physical abuse will not be tolerated.

If players conduct is not in the spirit of recreational soccer the referee can have the player leave the game for a cooling off period. The same conduct rule applies to spectators. If the cooling off period does not resolve the problem, the spectator may be asked to leave the field.

If a coach approaches a referee or steps on to the field to challenge a call, they will be asked to leave the game and the incident will be reviewed.

## Parents Code of Conduct

I understand and will conduct myself with the following principles in mind:

- I will make soccer participation for my child and others a positive experience.
- I will remember that a child is easily affected by outside influences.
- I will be kind to my child's coach and to the officials. The coach is a volunteer giving personal time and money to provide a recreational activity for your child. The coach is providing a valuable community service, often without reward other than their personal satisfaction. Without them my child could not participate.
- I will applaud good plays by my team AND by members of the opposing team.
- I will be a cheerleader. I will allow the coach to coach, the referee to officiate, and most of all allow my child to play the game.
- Between the exuberance of the winner and the disappointment of the loser, we have the referee. All of them follow the same creed to watch every movement of every player, and to call the game to the best of their ability. I will not openly question their judgment, and never their honesty. They are a symbol of fair play, integrity and sportsmanship.
- I will accept the results of each game, and encourage my child to: Be gracious in victory, and turn defeat to victory by working towards improvement.
- I understand that the open criticism of referees is poor sportsmanship and is counter-productive to successful soccer as it does nothing more than antagonize the referees and provide a ready excuse for our players to blame their results on poor officiating rather than the quality of their own play.
- I understand that it is the coach's job, not the spectator's job, to handle criticism of officiating in an appropriate manner.

# Player's Code of Conduct

I understand and will conduct myself with the following principles in mind:

## **With Regard to Games:**

- Play the game for the game's sake.
- Play for the fun of it, not just to please my parents or coach.
- Conduct myself with honor and dignity at all times.
- Be generous when I win.
- Be gracious when I lose.
- Be fair, always, no matter what the cost.
- Control my temper. Most of all, resist the temptation to retaliate when I feel I have been wronged.
- Know and obey the Laws of the Game.
- Concentrate on playing on soccer with my best efforts. Work equally hard for my team and myself.
- Accept the decisions of the officials with good grace.
- Believe in the honesty of my opponents.
- Treat all players, as I would like to be treated.
- Maintain self-control and have no part in verbal abuse.
- Main self-control and have no part in physical abuse.
- Remember that the goals of the game are to have fun, improve my skills, and feel good.
- Cooperate with my coaches, teammates, opponents, and the referees.
- It is my responsibility to notify my coach as much in advance as possible for absences from games.
- Arrive at games before the scheduled starting time, per my coach's instructions.

## **With Regard to Practices:**

- Arrive at practices before the scheduled starting time, per my coach's instructions, so that the full practice time can be devoted to practice.
- Practice is for soccer – leave others matters off the field.
- Show up ready for action – use the trip to the practice site to get ready. Don't waste practice time getting shin guards and shoes on.
- Cooperate with all teammates – learning to put aside personal differences for the good of the team must start in practice.
- Give the coaches my complete attention. Their purpose is to make me a better player and my team a better team.
- Come prepared to learn.

The undersigned accept this Code of Conduct and will endeavor to set a great example, play fair, abide within the spirit and letter of the laws of the game, and honor the rules of the club, league or tournament at all times. Further, the undersigned acknowledge that swift and appropriate action can and will be taken against any and all violators of such Code of Conduct.

**Player:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Parent:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Coach:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_