

## **HOTSPURS WEST SOCCER CLUB - PLAYER AND PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT**

**PLAYER RESPONSIBILITY:** As a player, I improve by applying what I learn recognizing that I must think freely, take risk and on occasion make mistakes. I understand that everyone will make a mistake and I am not immune.

- I will use every effort to be a positive member of my team and exhibit good sportsmanship at all times.
- I will attempt to attend and actively participate in every practice, every game and every scheduled event. If I cannot attend, I will inform my coaches as to why I am unable to attend.
- I will update my availability in Team Snap. I understand that best practice is to mark my attendance for the season and change any conflicts to unavailable as they occur.
- I will practice and play to the best of my ability.
- I recognize that I am playing a team sport; as such the interests of the team shall take precedence over individual exploits.
- I will not criticize the performance of another teammate, a coach's decision, a referee's call or an opponent.
- I will conduct myself in a respectable manner at practices, games and scheduled events.
- I will maintain a working, respectful relationship with my coaches and discuss any issues or concerns about my play and role on the team with them directly.
- I will not attempt ever to deliberately injure another player.
- Attendance at less than 80% of the practices may result in less play time.

**PARENT RESPONSIBILITY:** The players gain experience by making mistakes. They grow from their experiences and as a result develop into better players. It is not the responsibility of any parent to discourage free thinking and play by the players especially during a match.

- I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches and officials at every game, practice or scheduled event.
- I will place the emotional and physical well-being of my child ahead of any personal desire to win.
- I will remember that the game is for the children and not the adults.
- I will maintain a professional and respectful relationship with the coaches and follow the protocol to discuss concerns. Players at this age should be able to discuss any issue with their coach first. However, if the player cannot resolve the issue on her own, the parent should set up a call or meeting to discuss to the issue. Never approach the coach before, during or after a game, practice or scheduled event to discuss a concern unless it is an immediate emergency to the team.
- I will ask my child to treat other players, coaches, fans and officials with respect.
- I will make every effort for my child to attend all practices and scheduled events.
- I will make sure my child gets to all practices and scheduled events on time and is picked up on time.
- I will give proper notification to the coach if my child is unable to attend a practice or event.
- I will ensure my daughter is updating Team Snap on the availability of my child.
- I will see that all required fees are paid on time and my account is current.
- I will refrain from yelling at players during the game (such as "pass it", "kick it", or "do better than that").

Player signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Father signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_