



# FORT SASKATCHEWAN SOCCER

## TITLE: CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PLAYERS

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2.0	January 16, 2023	Added drugs and alcohol paragraph Added bullying paragraph Added disrespect to coaches paragraph

### 1.0 Purpose

To outline the aspects of the Code of Conduct that are specific to Fort Saskatchewan Soccer's (FSS) players.

### 2.0 Scope

This policy applies to the players of FSS.

### 3.0 Terms

There are no terms to define in this policy.

### 4.0 Policy

- 4.1 Do your best! Your behaviour reflects on you, your team, your coach, FSS and the sport of soccer. Your behaviour impacts all of these.
- 4.2 Drugs and alcohol are strictly prohibited. The use of drugs and alcohol before a game or practice is **NOT** acceptable and will not be tolerated. If a coach suspects a player under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol, the player will be asked to leave the field and the parent/guardian will be called. Before the player can play or practice again, a mediation between the coach, parent/guardian, player and an executive committee member will be scheduled. If a resolution cannot be made disciplinary action may take place. Intoxicated players on the field can be extremely dangerous not only for themselves but their teammates.
- 4.3 Be a good sport:
  - Play hard, but play fair;
  - Play strong but have compassion for those who lose the game; and
  - Play to win but remember that "winning" is doing your best against all odds.
- 4.4 Be respectful of:
  - People (e.g. of referees, coaches, teammates, other players, parents, spectators, and facility staff);
  - Bullying, comments based on gender and/or race and hate speech are **NOT** acceptable and will not be tolerated. If a coach hears any of these things, we will follow up with a mediation between parents, the player, the coach and an



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executive committee member. If we cannot come a resolution, disciplinary action will take place;

- Disrespect to any coach, assistant coach, team manager will NOT be tolerated. If there is a complaint regarding this, it will be investigated and dealt with accordingly.
- Rules (e.g. the rules of soccer and their application by referees);
- Existing policies and procedures (e.g. FSS, Edmonton Minor Soccer Association, , Alberta Soccer Association, or Fort Saskatchewan Minor Sport Association); and
- Soccer facilities (e.g. soccer pitches, locker and/or change rooms, bathrooms).

#### 4.5 Support your team:

- Participate in practices and drills. They are important for skill and team development;
- Work with the coaches to improve your and the team's skills; and
- Be a team player, not a lone hero.

#### 4.6 Play safe! Ensure that your equipment and how you play the game are safe for you and all other players in the game.

#### 4.7 Enjoy soccer fully, but remember that in the end it is only a game!

#### 4.8 Understand that refusal to adhere to the player code of conduct, or any other FSS, league, district or MSA rules and policies may result in disciplinary action, that could include, but may not be limited to restriction of playing time or discontinuation of participation on the team.