



FORT ST. JOHN
SOCCER CLUB

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Code of Conduct for our Players, Parents (legal guardians) Spectators

The Fort St John Soccer Club is committed to promoting a positive behavior on and off the soccer pitch through the support of the coaches, parents, players, volunteers and officials. Respect is the responsibility of each participant in soccer to create an environment that is both safe and enjoyable for all who take part.

BEHAVIOUR, POSITIVE ROLE MODELING, PLAYER SUPPORT

- 👤 **Understand and display appropriate game behavior:** Remember, your child's Self-esteem and game performance is at stake. Be supportive, cheer, show appropriate respectful behavior. To perform to the best of his/her abilities, a player needs to focus on the parts of the game that they can control (fitness, positioning, decision making, skill, what the game is presenting them) If a player starts focusing on what he cannot control (the condition of the field, the referee, the weather, the opponent, even the outcome of the game at times), a player will not play up to their ability. If he/she hears a lot of people telling him what to do, or yelling at the referee, it diverts their attention away from the task at hand.
- 👤 **Respect of coaches, teammates, other parents and or officials:** Persistent, irresponsible, disrespectful or abusive behavior of teammates, coaches, parents, and officials or behavior that threatens the integrity of the team will not be tolerated and can be cause for dismissal of the player from their league team.
- 👤 Your child's coach is a volunteer giving up valuable personal time to guide your child's *recreational* activity. **The Coach is NOT a babysitter** and will not automatically assume the task of caring for your child beyond practice/game time.

Please help the Coach to better meet your child's needs:

- 👤 Avoid being a sideline coach. It confuses the players and frustrates coaches.
- 👤 Respect the coach's position as the team leader by not undermining his/her instructions to players.
- 👤 Support your child. Give praise not only for scoring, but also for doing his/her best and contributing to the team
- 👤 Treat the coach with respect.
- 👤 Help your child's team whenever and wherever you can. Your support and much needed assistance make the difference between a rewarding, productive season and a mediocre, frustrating one.
- 👤 Accept responsibility for your child's behavior at all times

In case of disputes between you and your child's coach or other team officials please handle them with dignity and serve as a good role model to your child and others. If your effort to correct the situation directly with the coach fails please relay your concern to the Club Head Coach coach@fsjsoccer.com or for Officials to our Head Referee referee@fsjsoccer.com. If still not satisfied, contact the President at president@fsjsoccer.com.

🙏 We ask that you give yourself a 24 hour cool down period. Please do not contact us until after 24 hours after the incident has occurred and you have had enough time to keep your composure.

1st offence (written warning): Any spectator judged by the Clubs discipline board to be guilty of abusive conduct towards anyone in attendance at a Club event will be reprimanded in writing.

2nd offence (Discipline by Hearing): Any spectator judged by the Club's disciplinary board to be guilty of a second conviction of abusive conduct towards anyone in attendance at a Club event will be required to attend a hearing with the Club's discipline board to address their behaviour. A second offence may result in a spectator being suspended from attending future games and practices for a specific period of time to be determined by the Club's discipline board.

3rd offence (Discipline by hearing): Any spectator judged by the Clubs discipline board to be guilty of a third conviction of abusive conduct towards anyone in attendance at a Club event will be required to attend a hearing with the Club's discipline board to address their behaviour. In the unfortunate circumstance and as a last resort, for the protection of all participants associated with the Club's soccer activities, a third conviction may result in all playing members of the immediate family in question being de-registered from the Club.