

**FORT ST. JOHN SOCCER CLUB
DEVELOPMENT/COMPETITIVE TEAMS PROGRAM
PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT & EXPECTATIONS**

Below is the FSJSC Development/Competitive Teams Code of Conduct for Parents of the FSJ Northern Strikers Team. This has been developed for review by all parents who have children interested in trying out and playing for Development/Competitive Teams in the Indoor\Outdoor Season. Please review this document and be aware that you must be in agreement with the conditions of the Parent Code of Conduct if you wish to have your child participate in the FSJSC Competitive Program. Upon your child being chosen for a Development/Competitive team, the parent will be required to sign off on this form.

COMMITMENT

- Review, understand and be prepared to enforce the commitments, responsibilities and expectations outlined in the Development/Competitive Teams Program Player Code of Conduct with your child and understand your responsibilities as a parent of a Development/Competitive Player.

COACHING

- **Let the Coaches coach:** Leave the coaching to the coaches. This includes motivating, psyching your child for practice, after game critiquing, setting goals, requiring additional training, etc. You have entrusted the care of your child to the coaches and they need to be free to do their job. If a player has too many coaches, it can be confusing for them and their performance quite often declines.

COMMUNICATION

- Coaches\Managers primary means of communication with player and parents will be through emails and phoning will only be used as a secondary means of communication. It is the responsibility of the player and parents to have a functioning email address that is checked 3-4x per week by both player and parent. Players will be required to provide both a personal and parent email address for communication. Also a home phone number is required for secondary means of contact.
- The team coach will have a team meeting at the start of the season outlining the team's plans for the upcoming season for practices, games, tournaments and fundraising events. Coaches\Managers will strive to provide team updates at least 1.5 weeks in advance of any change in team events (practices, games, tournaments, fundraising) but no later than 1 week in advance where possible. Players\parents will be responsible to check regularly with the team manager for any updates.

TRAVEL, FUNDRAISING AND PROGRAM SUPPORT

- Understand parent's commitments as it relates to team travel such a financial capabilities, chaperoning, driving, fundraising and team activities as outlined in the Development/Competitive Teams Program Player Code of Conduct. Be prepared to contribute to and support these activities.

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, aggressiveness, what the game is presenting them) If a player starts focusing on what he can not 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 his

ability. If he hears a lot of people telling him what to do, or yelling at the referee, it diverts his attention away from the task at hand.

- **Do not bribe or offer incentives:** Your job is not to motivate. Leave this to the coaching staff. Bribes will distract your child from properly concentrating in practice and game situations.
- **Encourage your child to talk with the coaches:** If your child is having difficulties in practice or games, or can't make a practice, etc., encourage them to speak directly to the coaches. This "responsibility taking" is a big part of becoming a successful player. By handling the off-field tasks, your child is claiming ownership of all aspects of the game – preparation as well as playing the game.
- **Help your child keep his/her priorities straight:** Help your child maintain a focus on schoolwork, relationships and the other things in life beside soccer. Also, if your child has made a commitment to soccer, assist them to fulfill their obligation to the team.
- **Speak to the coach at the proper time:** Please do not discuss issues with coaches immediately before training or come onto the fields during training sessions. If you have concerns that you wish to discuss regarding your child or the program let the coaches know beforehand to set up an appropriate time to discuss. The coaches welcome these discussions but it is difficult for coaches to have meaningful discussions while they preparing for or conducting a training session or game.
- Realize, accept and practice the principle that the Competitive Team's reputation is built not only on ability but also on sportsmanship, courtesy, and manners of each player and parent.
- Report all injuries to coaches, special medical conditions (such as asthma) or extenuating circumstances (such as lack of sleep or personal family issues) that may affect your child during training.
- Development/Competitive Teams are representing FSJSC and are expected to respect not only the opposition but also all the opposition's facilities. This includes cleaning up their respective bench\spectator areas after all games and keeping the opposition facilities in the state they were found. Disrespect of the opposition or their facilities will not be tolerated.
- Parents are to refrain from speaking to officials. **DO NOT** openly question official's judgment and their calls of play. Parents are to refrain from commenting on decisions during the play of the game. Only the team captain\coaches may discuss calls with the official during the game but only with respect and in a courteous manner.
- Any comments regarding officiating by a player\parent or staff will be taken seriously and may require action to be taken by the Coaching staff and/or FSJSC.
- The use of abusive language or profanity, humiliating remarks and/or gestures of ill temper are completely unacceptable by any person associated with the Competitive Team be it players, parents or Coaching\Manager staff. Parents conducting such behavior will be asked to leave the field area by Coaching Staff and/or FSJSC Board Members.
- **Respect of coaches, managers, teammates, other parents or FSJSC staff:** Persistent, irresponsible, disrespectful or abusive behavior of teammates, coaching\manager staff, FSJSC staff, parents, others or behavior that threatens the integrity of the team will not be tolerated and can be cause for dismal of the player from their Competitive Team

Parent Signature _____ **Date** _____

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Player's Name _____