



FORT ST. JOHN SOCCER CLUB

FSJ Soccer Club

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Code of Conduct for FSJ Soccer Members

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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 safe, enjoyable, and inclusive for all who take part.

**Throughout this policy, the term "Member" means anyone involved with the FSJ Soccer club including, but not limited to players, parents, legal guardians, siblings, and team staff.*

Behaviour, Positive Role Modeling, Player Support

Understand and display appropriate behavior:

- Be supportive, cheer, show respectful behavior during all aspects of the game. To perform to the best of their abilities, players need 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 they cannot control (the condition of the field, the referee, the weather, the opponent, even the outcome of the game at times), they will not play to their full potential. Sideline coaching, berating other players on the field (even if it is meant as a joke), or arguing / yelling at the referee, all detract from the game and create a negative experience that doesn't support Long Term Player Development or the goals of the FSJ Soccer Club.
- Respect will be given to all soccer members including coaches, teammates, other parents and/ or officials.
Persistent, irresponsible, disrespectful, or abusive behavior of any soccer member, or behavior that threatens the integrity of teams will not be tolerated and can be cause for game suspensions or the dismissal of the member from the FSJ Soccer Club on the recommendation of the FSJ Soccer Club disciplinary committee.
- FSJ Soccer Club coaches are volunteers giving up valuable personal time to guide the players *recreational* activity. This means the Coach is NOT a babysitter and will not automatically assume the task of caring for a child beyond practice/game time.

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

- Avoid being a sideline coach. It confuses the players and frustrates coaches.
- Respect the coach's position as the team leader and refrain from undermining their instructions to players.
- Support all soccer members with their ability and determination on the field.
- Help with your players team, whenever and wherever you can. Your support and assistance will help lead to a rewarding and successful season.
- Always accept responsibility for the behavior or actions of your soccer player.

In the case of disputes between you and your child's coach or other soccer members, please handle them with dignity and serve as a good role model for everyone involved. If your effort to correct the situation directly with the coach fails, please relay your concerns to fsjsoccer@telus.net in the form of an incident report (The Incident report policy and form are both found on the FSJ Soccer Website:

<https://fsjsoccer.com/content/policies>

https://cloud.rampinteractive.com/fsjsoccer/files/Member%20Services/incident_report_form9.pdf).

- We also ask that incident reporting follow a 24 hour “cool down” period. Allowing 24 hours of reflection on any incident will help relay only the facts and remove emotion from the reporting process.

Note: Every Incident report submitted to the FSJ Soccer Club will be reviewed and acted upon in a timely manner by the FSJ Soccer Disciplinary Committee.