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### **Players Code of Conduct**

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#### **Respect the Game**

A player should:

- Play for the fun of it, not just to please your parents or coach.
- Be a good sport by cheering all good plays, whether it is your team's or your opponent's.
- Remember that the goals of the game are to have fun, improve skills and feel good.
- Make every effort to develop their own sporting ability, in terms of skill, technique, tactics and stamina.
- Give maximum effort and strive for the best possible performance during a game, even if the team is in a position where the desired result has already been achieved.
- Set a positive example for others, particularly young players and supporters.
- Avoid all forms of time wasting & bad sportsmanship
- Always have regard to the best interests of the game, including where publicly expressing an opinion on the game and any aspect of it, including others involved in the game.
- Concentrate on playing soccer and on affecting the outcome of the game with your best effort.
- Not use inappropriate language.
- Control your temper and most of all, resist the temptation to retaliate when you feel you have been wronged.

#### **Respect towards the Team**

A player should:

- Work equally hard for your team as for yourself.
- Treat all players as you would like to be treated.
- Make every effort consistent with Fair Play and the Laws of the Game to help the team performing at its highest level as a team.
- Resist any influence that might, or might be seen to, bring into question commitment to the team.

#### **Respect for the Laws of the Game**

A player should:

- Know and abide by the Laws, rules and spirit of the game, and the competition rules for leagues, Cups and tournaments. Accept success and failure, victory and defeat, equally.
- Resist any temptation to take banned substances or use banned techniques.
- Cooperate with your coaches, teammates, opponents and the referees.
- Dress appropriately for practices and/or games which includes wearing the appropriate equipment, ie. Shin guards and either cleats or sneakers as applicable, have long hair tied back and not wear base-ball type hats.



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### **Respect towards Opponents**

A player should:

- Treat opponents with due respect at all times, irrespective of the result of the game.
- Safeguard the physical fitness of opponents, avoid violence and rough play, and help injured opponents.

### **Respect towards Team Officials**

A player should:

- Accept the decision of the Referee without protest.
- Avoid words or actions that may mislead a Referee.
- Show due respect towards Referee
- Abide by the instructions of their Coach and Team Officials, provided they do not contradict the spirit of this Code.
- Show due respect towards the Team Officials of opposing teams.