



PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT AGREEMENT

The essential elements of character-building and ethics in soccer are embodied in the concept of sportsmanship and six core principles: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and good citizenship. The highest potential of sports is achieved when competition reflects these "six pillars of character."

As the parent of a San Diego Spirit Soccer Club player, I therefore agree:

1. I will not force my child to participate in sports.
2. I will remember that children participate to have fun and that the game is for youth, not adults.
3. I will inform the coach of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others.
4. I will learn the rules of the game and the policies of the league and of CYSA-South.
5. I (and my guests) will be a positive role model for my child and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, officials and spectators at every game, practice or other sporting event.
6. I (and my guests) will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player, or parent such as booing and taunting; refusing to shake hands; or using profane language or gestures.
7. I will not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and well-being of the athletes.
8. I will teach my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.

9. I will demand that my child treat other players, coaches, officials and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, color, sex or ability.
10. I will teach my child that doing one's best is more important than winning, so that my child will never feel defeated by the outcome of a game or his/her performance.
11. I will praise my child for competing fairly and trying hard, and make my child feel like a winner every time.
12. I will never ridicule or yell at my child or other participant for making a mistake or losing a competition.
13. I will emphasize skill development and practices and how they benefit my child over winning. I will also deemphasize games and competition in the lower age groups.
14. I will promote the emotional and physical well-being of the athletes ahead of any personal desire I may have for my child to win.
15. I will respect the officials and their authority during games and will never question, discuss, or confront coaches at the game field, and will take time to speak with coaches at an agreed upon time and place.
16. I will demand a sports environment for my child that is free from drugs, tobacco, and alcohol and I will refrain from their use at all sports events.
17. I will refrain from coaching my child or other players during games and practices, unless I am one of the official coaches of the team.
18. I will ensure that my child is at all games and practices at the required time or provide the coach with an appropriate excuse beforehand.
19. I will develop a responsibility in my child to pack his or her bag, clean shoes, and bring along his or her water bottle full of water.
20. I will respect the facilities at our opponents' grounds.
21. I will not criticize my child's coach to my child or other parents. If I am not happy with the coach I will raise the issue with the coach or the coaching director.

22. I will encourage my child to speak with the coach. If my child is having difficulties in practices or games, or can't attend practices etc. I will encourage him or her to speak directly to the coaches. This "responsibility taking" is a big part of becoming a mature person. By handling off the field tasks, my child is claiming ownership of all aspects of the game.

23. I will monitor my child's stress level at home. I will keep an eye on the my child to make sure that he or she is handling stress effectively from the various activities of life.

24. I will monitor eating and sleeping habits. I will ensure that my child is eating the correct foods. I agree that players should be in bed at a reasonable hour on the night before a game and early enough on other nights to ensure that adequate rest is being taken.

25. I will help my child keep his or her priorities correct. My child needs to maintain a focus on schoolwork, relationships, and other things in life besides soccer.

26. I will ensure that all financial obligations incurred as a result of my child's participation in SDSSC soccer are met in a timely manner. I understand that the Registration Fee is not refundable, unless the team fails to form through no fault or cause of my child.

I also agree that if I fail to abide by the aforementioned rules and guidelines, I will be subject to disciplinary action that could include, but is not limited to the following:

- Verbal warning by official, head coach, and/or head of league organization
- Written warning
- Parental game suspension with written documentation of incident kept on file by organizations involved
- Game forfeit through the official or coach
- Parental season suspension

Parent/Guardian Signature _____