



## **Southern Indiana United Soccer Club**

Code of Conduct for Coaches, Players, Parents



### **CODE OF CONDUCT OF SOUTHERN INDIANA UNITED SOCCER CLUB**

All members of Southern Indiana United Soccer Club ("SIU") including players, parents, officers, board members, volunteers, and coaches are expected to conduct themselves in a sporting and civil manner in connection with any club related activity, including matches, tournaments, practices, meetings, and other club functions. All club members are required to act in a respectful manner toward coaches, referees, and spectators. In particular, all members of SIU are expected to support referees' and coaches' efforts to officiate and to control their conduct on and off the field at club matches. In addition, the parents shall support the coaches and the league in order to provide a positive environment for our children and their families. Should any club member experience difficulty with a coach, referee, or spectator, they shall go through the appropriate channels to rectify said problem by reporting said problem to the Coach, the Team Manager, the Director of Coaching or any board member.

**ANY COACH, PARENT OR SPECTATOR WHO IS EJECTED FROM A MATCH SHALL BE SUBJECT TO A FINE OF AT LEAST \$250 – ANY COACH, PARENT OR SPECTATOR WHO REFUSES TO LEAVE THE MATCH AFTER BEING EJECTED SHALL BE SUBJECT TO AN ADDITIONAL FINE OF \$500.**

### **PLAYERS**

- Players are required to attend all practices, games and tournaments unless previously excused by the coach and parents are expected to provide transportation to games and practices. Excessive tardiness and/or non-attendance at practices, games, and/or tournaments may result in the player being suspended or expelled from the team.
- All players are expected to give 100% effort in all games, practices, and/or tournaments, and are furthermore required to act in a positive and respectful manner toward teammates, coaches, referees, and spectators.
- Players are to act in a respectful manner to other players on their team and are not to degrade or criticize any team members. Players will display self-control in all situations and will not use foul or abusive language at any time before, during or after a match or training session.
- Players are required to represent their team and their soccer club in a positive manner. Players shall treat their teammates with respect and positive reinforcement. Players who continually degrade other players and/or players who continuously disrupt practices, games or tournaments are subject to suspension and/or expulsion from the team.
- If a player receives three or more red cards in a season, said conduct shall be reported to the SIU Conduct Committee.
- Players are expected to act responsibly on social media. Remember that players represent their team, their club, Indiana Soccer and US Youth Soccer.

## **COACHES**

- Coaches are expected to maintain a high level of sportsmanship, professionalism, and integrity both off and on the field. Coaches' primary responsibility is for his/her players to have fun, to develop soccer players and to instill a passion for the game. Performances as a coach are not measured in wins and losses but rather in what is taught to the players in terms of technique, sportsmanship and fair play. Coaches must maintain respect for the game as well as the referees. Coaches are charged with the responsibility of controlling their players and parents at all times during a match. Coaches lead and teach by example; players will be a reflection of the coach and the club.
- Coaches are expected to have a basic knowledge of the game and to pursue coaching education that will allow them to better develop their players.
- Coaches should use positive reinforcement when dealing with players, never use foul or abusive language and never abuse a player mentally, verbally or physically.
- Coaches are expected to have respect for the authority of the referee and his/her assistance's. They will not harass, abuse or berate the referee during or after the match. They shall not enter the field of play without the referee's permission.
- If a coach experiences disciplinary problems with a player, said coach shall first attempt to handle the disciplinary problem himself. If said problem persists, said coach shall report the alleged conduct of the player to the Team Manager who thereafter shall report said conduct to the Executive Committee and the Chairman of the Conduct Committee. Said conduct includes but is not limited to the following: behavior that results in a red card, match termination, any other exclusion from participation in or observation of play, any other disciplinary problems that said coach deems detrimental to the team.
- Coaches should act responsibly on social media, remembering that they are role models for our youth. Coaches should not email or text players individually without copying the parents and/or the entire team.

## **PARENTS/SPECTATORS**

- Parents are encouraged to learn about the rules of the game and always be supportive, positive and encourage fair play.
- Parents are encouraged to promote good nutrition for their players.
- Parents/Spectators are not to use foul or abusive language towards any player, parent, coach or referee for any reason.
- Parents/Spectators are encouraged to get involved with the organization by volunteering.
- Parents/Spectators must set the example for the players by exemplifying the highest standards of sportsmanship. Parents/Spectators participate in a match by watching, cheering and supporting the efforts of all participants of the match. The game is for the players; their participation and enjoyment of the game is the most important element. Cheer in a positive manner not negative. Encourage your team, don't berate the other team. Cheer in a way to reward the good play of both teams and promote fair play.
- Parents/Spectators must respect their coach, all players on the team and the authority of the referee and his/her assistants. Parents/Spectators will not harass, abuse or berate the coaches, players or referees during or after the match. Parents/Spectators shall never enter the field of play without the referee's permission. Parents/Spectators should institute the "24-hour hold" rule and wait at least 24 hours after an incident before approaching the coach.

- Parents/Spectators must not coach the players from the sideline; let the coach do his/her job no matter how much you may disagree. If there is a problem with a particular coach, discuss this with the Director of Coaching. Parents/Spectators who have an issue to discuss should follow the proper protocols: (1) first, try to resolve the issue with the Player, the Coach or the Team Manager; (2) if the issue is not resolved at that level, go to the SIU Director of Coaching with a coaching issue or to the SIU Vice President, Select Division for an administrative issue; and (3) if the issue is still not resolved, go to the SIU Board or any SIU Board member.

- Parents shall pay all soccer related fees in a timely manner, unless said fees are waived and/or other arrangements for payment have been made with the SIU Board (or its designee). Failure to pay required fees may result in the suspension and/or expulsion of a player from his/her team.

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By signing below, we confirm that we have read and agree to the Code of Conduct and consent to the terms and conditions of said Code of Conduct. As parent or legal guardian of the aforementioned child, I further acknowledge that I have gone over the Code of Conduct with my child and furthermore, have discussed the implications of a violation of said Code of Conduct.

TEAM AGE GROUP AND COACH/MANAGER NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

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