



## PLAYER EXPECTATIONS

It is the intention of SPORTING Blue Valley to present this information only as a guideline. The following commitments and expectations are not intended to account for every conceivable example of unacceptable behavior. SPORTING Blue Valley will consider the spirit as well as the documentation of the incident when addressing any transgression.

As a SPORTING Blue Valley Player, I:

- understand that my actions, good and bad, reflect directly not only on myself but also on the team, and SPORTING Blue Valley. A team and club's reputation is built on behavior, courtesy, sportsmanship and playing ability
- will exhibit proper behavior, fair play, respect and sportsmanship towards all parties at every practice, game, tournament or at any related events. I will also encourage this behavior from my teammates, coaches, officials, parents and supporters.
- I will make a personal commitment to achieve academic success in the classroom to the best of my abilities
- will not engage in physical or verbal confrontations with players, coaches, officials or fans before, during or after practices and games
- will not "guest play" for another Club's soccer team. SPORTING Blue Valley Premier players are not allowed to guest play on teams outside of the SPORTING Blue Valley Premier program.
- will be humble, generous and gracious in victory; courteous and dignified in defeat
- be on time and attend all practices and games
- will wear my uniform in a proper and complete fashion; socks will be pulled up and jerseys tucked in
- will participate with focus and commitment at all practices and games
- will inform the coach or team administrator if I will be late for, or unable to attend a practice or game
- will inform my coach or team administrator immediately of any injury
- will never leave a practice or game without the permission of my coach
- will practice on my own
- will abide by the "FIFA Rules of the Game" and the rules, policies and procedures of SPORTING Blue Valley, Heartland Soccer Association and any corresponding tournament
- understand that the amount of playing time I receive in games will be based on my skills, punctuality, attitude and practice/game performance. I know that I may receive more or less playing time than my teammates and playing time is not guaranteed (The coach will make every effort to provide 50% playing time during each half for all players U8 – U12 that adhere to this commitment)
- will never use a controlled substance (drugs), tobacco products or drink alcoholic beverages for recreational purposes. Proven substance use and/or possession are cause for immediate dismissal from SPORTING Blue Valley
- will approach the coach first (with parent in attendance if necessary) regarding any soccer related concerns or questions

\* I have read and fully understand the SPORTING Blue Valley PLAYER COMMITMENTS AND EXPECTATIONS as it pertains to my participation in SPORTING Blue Valley.

## DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES

First offense:

A meeting will take place with all involved parties (Player, Parent, Coach, Director and if necessary the SPORTING Blue Valley Disciplinary Committee) to discuss the issue and ultimate resolution

Second offense:

A two-week suspension from all team activities will be enforced for the involved party

Third offense:

The person(s) in violation will be suspended from any team involvement for the remainder of the current season. Any future return to play/involvement will not be guaranteed but will be granted if reconciliation can be reached. Involvement will then be granted on a probationary basis. Any violation during that time may result in dismissal from SPORTING Blue Valley.

If an offense is severe in nature, SPORTING Blue Valley reserves the right to move directly to the consequences of the second or third offense after which a meeting may take place.

## COACH EXPECTATIONS

As a SPORTING Blue Valley Coach, I:

- understand that I am a role model and must lead by example. I set the standard for acceptable behavior by exhibiting exemplary behavior at all times
- will dress appropriately wearing adidas apparel or adidas apparel with the SPORTING Blue Valley logo. Winter jacket, warm-up, half-zip, shirts, shorts, watch and proper shoes (no flip-flops).
- Hats should be worn properly.
- will exhibit proper behavior, fair play, respect and sportsmanship towards all parties at every practice, game, tournament or at any related events
- understand that my actions, good and bad, reflect directly not only on myself but also on the team, and SPORTING Blue Valley. A team and club's reputation is built on behavior, courtesy, sportsmanship and playing ability
- understand that my first priority is the safety of the players assigned to my team. I will be on time for practices and games and will not leave an event, game or practice site until all of my team's players are with their responsible guardian or parent
- will maintain a clean well-kept appearance at all times while representing my team and club
- will be enthusiastic with all players, motivating and encouraging them through positive reinforcement
- will abide by the "FIFA Rules of the Game" and the rules, policies and procedures of SPORTING Blue Valley, Heartland Soccer Association and any corresponding tournament
- understand that I am responsible for the proper behavior and conduct of my assistant coaches as well as my players, parents and supporters
- understand that all interactions with referees must be courteous and I am expected to display the proper respect when communicating with any official
- understand that the use of profanity or vulgar language is unacceptable
- will be humble, generous and gracious in victory; courteous and dignified in defeat
- will provide a well-organized, fun, safe and disciplined practice environment
- will inform the team administrator if I will be late for, or unable to attend, a practice or game. If this occurs another paid coach will be scheduled until I arrive, or I will secure a substitute if I am unable to attend
- will ensure that all players wear their uniforms in a proper and complete fashion; socks should be pulled up and jerseys tucked into their shorts
- will be responsible for cleaning up the field or bench area after practices and games
- will provide cooperation to coaches within my team's age group and SPORTING Blue Valley
- will never encourage or tolerate the use of controlled substances (drugs); or the abuse of tobacco and alcohol

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Second offense:

A two-week suspension from all team activities will be enforced for the involved party.

Third offense:

The person(s) in violation will be suspended from any team involvement for the remainder of the current season. Any future return to play/involvement will not be guaranteed but will be granted if reconciliation can be reached. Involvement will then be granted on a probationary basis. Any violation during that time may result in dismissal from SPORTING Blue Valley.

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## **PARENT EXPECTATIONS**

As a SPORTING Blue Valley Parent or Family Member, I:

- understand that I am a role model and I am accountable for my actions and must lead by example
- understand that my actions, good and bad, reflect directly not only on myself but also on the team, and SPORTING Blue Valley. A team and club's reputation is built on behavior, courtesy, sportsmanship and playing ability
- understand that verbally abusing players, coaches, referees, spectators, or opponents is unacceptable
- will respect my coaches' time by being on time to drop off or pick up players for all practices and games
- will not coach, criticize, confront, argue with or make negative comments intended for players, opponents, coaches, referees, or other spectators. Sideline comments at practices and games should always be positive
- will support the coach and refrain from making inappropriate comments in front of my children as they will carry that attitude onto the soccer field
- will encourage my child (with parent in attendance) to discuss soccer related issues with the coach
- will discuss constructive concerns regarding the coach, players or club policies first with the coach, then if needed, with the Director of their age group and finally, with the Director of Coaching for Boys/Girls
- understand that the amount of playing time my child receives in games will be based on their skills, punctuality, attitude and practice/game performance. I know that they may receive more or less playing time than their teammates and playing time is not guaranteed (The coach will make every effort to provide 50% playing time during each half for all players U8 – U12 that adhere to this commitment)
- will abide by the "FIFA Rules of the Game" and the rules, policies and procedures of SPORTING Blue Valley, Heartland Soccer Association and any corresponding tournament
- understand that it is a privilege to watch my child participate as a member of SPORTING Blue Valley, and that privilege can be suspended if my behavior is found to be inconsistent with the expected, acceptable behavior
- will use the 24 Hour Rule when I am concerned about soccer related issues that require me to talk with the coach. 24 Hour Rule: If a parent is unhappy with an issue regarding their child or team, SPORTING Blue Valley strongly recommends waiting 24 hours to discuss the issue. Cooler heads are inevitably more productive.

\* I have read and fully understand the SPORTING Blue Valley Parent & family COMMITMENTS and EXPECTATIONS as it pertains to my family's participation in SPORTING Blue Valley.

## **DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES**

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Second offense:

A two-week suspension from all team activities will be enforced for the involved party

Third offense:

The person(s) in violation will be suspended from any team involvement for the remainder of the current season. Any future return to play/involvement will not be guaranteed but will be granted if reconciliation can be reached. Involvement will then be granted on a probationary basis. Any violation during that time may result in dismissal from SPORTING Blue Valley.

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