



Player and Parent Code of Conduct Agreement

Shakopee Soccer Association (SSA) membership is a privilege that carries with it certain obligations. SSA is committed to the development of our players and the parents of our players are critical in that process. In the event of failures to abide by these best practices, SSA may take action – up to and including game suspensions and dismissal from the Club – to protect the values of the Club and in the interests of our players and teams. The following agreement is made between SSA and its players and their parents.

Responsibilities of the Player

- Players are expected to conduct themselves, at all times, in a manner keeping with representing SSA and not bring discredit upon the organization.
- Players shall refrain from using profanity during games or practices.
- Players will show respect toward referees, opposing players, coaches and fans.
- Players will not harass, abuse, or berate a referee for any reason.
- Players shall not participate in physical violence or threats thereof during games or practice.
- Players should bring cleats, shin guards, water, and a usable soccer ball to practice.
- Players are expected to show respect for all coaches and adhere to all instructions.
- Players shall be on time and prepared for all practices and games as outlined by their Coach.
- Players will play within the Spirit of the Laws of the Game.
- Players maintain the highest standard of conduct and good sportsmanship.
- Players are expected to wear the approved club uniform during practices and games.
- Use or possession of any illegal drug substance or illegal activity of any kind will not be tolerated. It is your responsibility to prevent situations from occurring and avoiding situations that occur.

Responsibilities of the Parent/Spectators

- Parents must set the example by exemplifying the highest standards of sportsmanship.
- Parents will not harass, abuse, or berate a referee for any reason.
- Parents participate in a game by watching, cheering, and supporting the efforts of all participants.
- Parents must understand that the game is for the players, their participation and enjoyment is the most important element.
- Parents shall maintain a professional relationship with their child's coach and DOC and avoid a confrontation immediately following a game. We respectfully ask that parents wait 24 hours before discussing concerns with their coach.
- Parents must never criticize a coach in a public manner.
- Exhibit good sportsmanship and refrain from criticism during games or practices.
- Parents shall not coach or otherwise instruct players during practices or games.
- Parents shall avoid "reply all" email chains with concerns and shall call the coach or DOC directly to discuss such concerns.
- Parents are expected to have their child on time for training and games.
- Parents shall stay current on all financial obligations to SSA.
- Parents are encouraged to get involved with the Club and promote the game in a positive way.

All SSA players and parents must abide by this Code of Conduct. Any violations of the Code of Conduct may be grounds for suspension or dismissal of the parent, child or both from the team/club. If there are three infractions during a season, the player or parent will be suspended for the remainder of that season. All disciplinary action is the responsibility of the Executive Board of Directors. Suspensions and terminations may be appealed to the President.

Player Printed Name

Player Signature

Date

Parent Printed Name

Parent Signature

Date