



JUNEAU SOCCER CLUB

Code of Conduct

PLEASE NOTE: Two Signatures are required, player & parent.



In order to ensure that the principles of sportsmanship, fair play, and mutual respect among players, coaches, officials, and spectators characterize all competition sponsored by the Juneau Soccer Club (JSC), the following Code of Conduct has been established. It is the obligation of all program administrators, coaches, parents, and players to create an environment that promotes this objective. Those who willfully violate this code jeopardize their participation in the Juneau Soccer Club program.

Coaches

The coach's role is one of teaching soccer skills and sportsmanship to the players. The coach is responsible for communicating practice and game times to the players and parents. The coach is also responsible for monitoring the behavior of the players and parents during practice and games. All coaches within the soccer program shall promote good sportsmanship among players, foster team camaraderie, and help participants enjoy the sport while teaching players the technical skills of soccer. Unsportsmanlike conduct of coaches will not be tolerated by the program and will result in corrective actions through the Director of Coaching. Each coach agrees to the code of conduct, certifies that he/she has read the *JSC Policies & Procedures* and will abide by them and acknowledges that coaching in the soccer program is a privilege and not a right. In addition, each Coach will ensure that his/her conduct sets a good example for team members and spectators. To meet these responsibilities, the Coach is expected to:

- Know the official Laws of the Game and the *JSC Policies & Procedures* and abide by them.
- Instruct player and parents in the Laws and motivate each player to compete according to the Laws at all times.
- Ensure that *JSC Policies & Procedures* are followed by all players and spectators.
- Ensure that fans of his or her team exhibit sportsmanship and maturity at all times and assist league and game officials in maintaining control of spectators during games.
- Respect the game officials at all times. Refrain from questioning their decisions or challenging their authority.
- Respect the coaches and players of the opposing team before, during, and after the game.
- Teach each player, especially through personal example, to be humble and generous in victory and proud and courteous in defeat.
- Maintain control of his/her emotions and avoid actions, language, and/or gestures that may be interpreted as hostile and humiliating.
- Teach and practice good sportsmanship and fair play by personally demonstrating commitment to these virtues.
- Place children's physical and emotional well-being ahead of any person's desire to win.
- Instruct and remind players that, while striving to win, best effort and fair play are more important than winning.
- Work constructively with the parents of your players with regard to team management throughout the year and during and team travel.
- Promote the concept that soccer is merely a game, and that players and coaches on other teams are opponents, not enemies.

Players - Every player is expected to:

- Know and respect the Laws of the Game and *JSC Policies & Procedures* and abide by them at all times.
- Follow the direction and abide by the decisions of the coach. Dissenting with the decisions of the coach during game situations is prohibited unless the coach's direction places the physical welfare of the player (players) in jeopardy. If a player (or players) has a dispute with the decisions or direction of the coach, the player must first attempt to discuss the issues with the coach outside of (before or after) practices or games so as to avoid disruption. If the player (players) fail to get a satisfactory response to his/her concerns, the player should next bring these issues to the attention of the Director of Coaching.

- Respect and show courtesy to the game officials by following their instructions and refrain from addressing them or commenting on their decisions during or after the game.
- Co-operate with your coach and teammates, and play well for yourself and your team. When you contribute to your team's performance, you will benefit your own performance.
- Maintain control of your emotions and show good sportsmanship, avoiding the use of abusive or profane language, taunting or humiliating remarks, and/or gestures and physical assault upon another person at any time.
- Respect the coaches and players of the opposing team and display sportsmanship at the conclusion of a game and be humble and generous in victory and proud and courteous in defeat.
- Refrain from using alcohol, illegal drugs or tobacco products while on the active roster of a JSC team and respect at all times the property of others.
- Place a teammate's or an opponent's physical and emotional well-being ahead of any personal desire to win.
- Remember that soccer is a game, and treat players and coaches on other teams as opponents, not enemies.

Parents and Spectators

The parents' role is one of support to the players and coaches. Parents should not engage in "coaching" from the sidelines, criticizing players, coaches or game officials or trying to influence the makeup of the team at any time. Every parent and spectator is expected to:

- Learn and respect the Laws of the Game and the *JSC Policies & Procedures*.
- Show respect and courtesy to game officials, coaches, and players at all times.
- Respect the game officials and refrain from questioning their decisions or from addressing them in a loud, disrespectful, or abusive manner.
- Recognize the value and importance of JSC Volunteer Coaches and their role in your child's development.
- Cheer for your child's team in a positive manner, refraining at all times from making negative or abusive remarks about your players or the opposing team. Maintain control of your emotions and avoid actions, language, and/or gestures that may be interpreted as hostile and humiliating.
- Watch and enjoy the game. Let the Players play, the Coaches coach, and the Referees officiate.
- Respect the time and effort contributed by your volunteer coach. Ensure that your child is at all games and practices at the required time or help your child notify the coach of any practices to be missed.
- Demonstrate appropriate gestures of sportsmanship at the conclusion of a game, win or lose.
- Teach and practice good sportsmanship and fair play by personally demonstrating commitment to these virtues.
- Place children's physical and emotional well-being ahead of any personal desire to win.
- Promote the concept that soccer is merely a game, and that players and coaches on other teams are opponents, not enemies.

PLAYER AND PARENTS - Follow and promote this code of conduct at all times. Consequences of not observing the elements of this code can be loss of practice or playing time, or suspension from the club or from future/current travel with the team.

While on any club-sponsored trip away from Juneau, a player is subject to immediate suspension from the team for the remainder of the trip if the player's misconduct or misbehavior, at the sole discretion of the club or club representative, warrants such action. The player, parents and/or guardian understand that they shall be responsible for making arrangements for the player's immediate return, in the event of suspension, and shall be responsible for all costs associated with the suspension, including the possible forfeiture of all costs and fees relative to the balance of the trip for the player.

Player signature: X _____ Date: _____

Parent signature: X _____ Date: _____