



# Carolina FC Academy and Select Code of Conduct



Carolina Football Club is committed to providing the finest soccer experience possible for all players to have fun and enjoy the game of soccer. We believe that our primary focus should be the development of the mental and physical talent and skill of our players to the highest level possible, both as an individual and as a team player. We also believe that the player's development is more important than winning, and that winning is a result of successful player and team development. We also believe that the success of this organization is measured by its excellence both on and off the field, and in order to achieve that end, we have adopted this Code of Conduct for the members of CFC, our players, parents, coaches and club officials.

**You are part of a team and a club and your actions reflect not only upon yourself, but on the rest of Carolina FC. You are expected to:**

- ⚽ Avoid inappropriate behaviors during practice, games and team or club sponsored events, tournaments and travel (e.g., theft, substance abuse, alcohol consumption, violent or destructive behavior, foul language, excessive physical contact, absenteeism, etc.)
- ⚽ Conform to the rules established by your team and the club
- ⚽ Adhere to the laws of the game
- ⚽ Take victory modestly and defeat graciously
- ⚽ Treat teammates, opponents, coaches, referees and other officials with respect
- ⚽ Recognize and praise skillful play by both teams and to not ridicule either side
- ⚽ Not argue with a referee or assistant referee

**In addition, Players are expected to:**

- ⚽ Play the game in a positive spirit at all times
- ⚽ Attempt to win through your skill, effort, tactics and fair play
- ⚽ Care for your uniform and equipment
- ⚽ Attend all practices and games

**Parents are not only a supporter of their child, but also a role model whose actions reflect upon the player, the team and the club. In addition to the above standards, Parents are expected to:**

- ⚽ Remember that the game is for your son or daughter, not for you
- ⚽ Positively encourage and support your son/daughter in meeting his/her obligations
- ⚽ Set a good example by your conduct and good sportsmanship
- ⚽ Allow the coach to direct the play of the game
- ⚽ Remember that your son/daughter's career is a long-term growth process and not an end of itself

**Club officials are responsible for providing the direction and organization for the Club, and their decisions and actions will set the tone for the rest of the members. In addition to the above standards, Club officials are expected to:**

- ⚽ Remember that we exist for the benefit of youth and not the egos of adults.
- ⚽ Conduct the business of the Club with honesty, integrity and openness.
- ⚽ Ensure the Club conforms to the rules established by itself, SCYS, US Club Soccer, USSF and FIFA.
- ⚽ Make decisions for the good of the Club, not one's personal agenda.

**CFC soccer players and their families are expected to observe certain rules while traveling to other clubs and/or residing in hotels. They include:**

- ⚽ All rules of hosting club or hotel must be observed
- ⚽ Use common sense -- no running in hallways, no playing in the elevators, no loud talking and no throwing things. Respect the rights of others to quiet, privacy and safety
- ⚽ Spend your extra time in your room, or if invited, someone else's room or in areas specifically designated for recreation, for example, the pool. Do not congregate in hallways, lobbies or elevators where you may be annoying someone else
- ⚽ In the pool area, there will be no pushing, shoving, screaming, towel snapping, running or diving. Respect the rights of others, who are using the pool
- ⚽ Respond respectfully and return to your room, if an adult, for example, a security guard, hotel staff, another CFC parent, a coach or a hotel guest asks you to change some behavior
- ⚽ Parents are responsible for their own children, both players and siblings, and any players they are chaperoning. The Club welcomes parents to attend but needs their attention to supervise their children. Know where your children are, what they are doing and if not with you, when they will return. If players do not follow these guidelines, consequences will fall to the player. If siblings or parents do not follow these guidelines, consequences will fall to the player

**Substance abuse or the consumption of alcohol by anyone representing Carolina FC while in attendance at any CFC event, including games, practices, and tournaments, is prohibited and will not be tolerated. This can result in immediate suspension or termination from CFC.**

#### **Violations of the Code of Conduct:**

Most minor violations of the Code of Conduct will be resolved within the team. Serious or unresolved violations should be reported to the Carolina FC Executive Director. The ED will conduct a review of the situation and present the findings to the CFC Board of Directors which will make the final determination of what action, if any, may be appropriate. If action is necessary, the available options range from a caution, to personal apology, probation, service work, suspension, or, as a final step, expulsion from the Club. As a member of the CFC, you are responsible for your own actions, and will be held accountable for them.

**I have read and understood the above. I agree to abide by this code of conduct and understand if I do not, suspension will result.**

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CFC Member's Signature

Date

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Signature of Guardian (if needed)

Date