



## USA Family Canon

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As families in the United Soccer Athletes (USA) Club we are all joined by common desire to provide our athletes with a positive experience, the chance to strengthen their soccer abilities, and to compete at an appropriate level. We are a critical part of ensuring the realization of these desires. With this in mind, we must embrace and uphold a number of tenets that are both generally understood and unique to our Club. They are as follows:

- Keep all players safe at all times.
- Lead by example while actively guiding your athlete and fellow parents to embrace the tenets of positive behavior, high character, universal respect, sportsmanship, and Club loyalty.
- Work together with other parents and your team management to provide all players the best experience possible.
- Embrace and learn the game of soccer and its rules.
- Cheer in a positive manner for your team and players while not directing any negative language/tone/volume toward any opposing team players/parents, game officials, or USA players (including our own), coaches, or families.
- Understand and uphold Club guidance and policies, including the Code of Conduct and this Canon.
- Support the reality that practice time is limited and that the only way that your athlete will truly develop their individual skill is by repetition on their own so home work is encouraged and expected by your team leadership and the Club.
- Support your team coaches' instruction by abstaining from "parent coaching", particularly from the sidelines or car rides to/from games.
- Be aware of your athletes' behavior and attitude at practices and Club functions to help ensure a productive environment for the coaches to work and all players to grow (be receptive to helping your team leadership with matters of focus and discipline).
- Understand that the Club embraces multi-activity athletes, however expects that attendance, dedication, focus, and effort are invested for their own growth, the experience of their teammates, and the strength of the Club.
- Strive to maintain open communication with your team's coaches by communicating with them directly about any team or player-related positive feedback, question or issues and, as necessary, also communicate the same with the Club leadership.
- Understand and support the lines and boundaries of communication set by the Club and your team coaches, including the "24-hour" rule (delay for 24 hours before initiating any negative inquiries or feedback).
- Support Club and team-provided activities to maximize opportunities for your athlete and build team and Club-wide unity, including participation in Club camps/training, tournaments, winter leagues, etc.
- Support the time-tested integrity of the Club tryout and team formation process and the related decisions of Club leadership by ensuring that your player fully participates, that you do not interfere in any way, and you do not seek to manipulate the preparation, performance or outcome of those processes.
- Do not use Club assets, communications, contacts, or resources for purposes that do not benefit or are outside of the Club.
- Understand that failure to support any of the above, the more overarching Code of Conduct, or policies may result in disciplinary action and potential removal from the Club.

I, the undersigned acting on behalf of myself and my family, have read, fully accept, and will abide by all the content and intentions of this document and those referenced and understand that not doing so may result in the inability to participate in and/or removal from the Club.

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Printed Name

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Signature

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Date