

SSA Coastal Force Academy & Jr. Academy
Code of Conduct for Parents/Caregivers, Families and Friends

- Be your child's biggest fan and support him/her unconditionally
- When you take your child home after a match or training session, please be supportive and always focus on the positive aspects of his/her game.
- Develop a responsibility in your child to pack his/her own kit, clean his/her cleats/uniform and take a drink bottle (full of water only) to all practice and games.
- Respect the facilities at our opponents' grounds.
- Do not criticize your child's coach to your child or the other parents. If you are not happy with the coach you should raise issue with that coach.
- Encourage your child to speak with the coaches. If your child is having difficulties in training or games, or can't attend training etc. This "responsibility taking" is a big part of becoming a mature person. By handling off the field tasks, your child is claiming ownership of all aspects of the game.
- Help your child focus on the performance and not the result. Remember winning is not as important as the performance.
- Support all the players on your child's team. Do not criticize anyone. Remember children don't mean to make mistakes.
- Do not criticize the opponents, their parents or their officials.
- Study the rules of the game. This will help you understand the calls made during a match and the reason for them.
- Never audibly dispute a referee's decision. They will make mistakes occasionally. We all do. If you abuse or shout at the referee you are breaking the rules of the game and risk generating a possible fine. In extreme circumstances we could even be expelled from the Field(s), be forced to play all our games away or play without any spectators present.
- Parents/caregivers Friends of the family **MUST NOT** coach from the touchline during matches or training. Leave this to the coaches or you may cause confusion and erode your child's confidence. The coaches have a worked out strategy for the players, and you might unwilling be obstructing a child's performance.
- Parents/caregivers must not enter the field of play. Please remember – the game is for the children. It is not for the glory of the coach, manager or parents.
- If your child is injured during a game or training session do not come onto the field until you are directed to do so by the referee or coach.

I have read and understand what is expected from my family and I.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____ Players Name: _____