



CLACKAMAS UNITED SOCCER CLUB CODE OF CONDUCT

The purpose and intent of Clackamas United Soccer Club's (CUSC) philosophy is to promote the advancement of youth soccer in our area, to encourage the development of player skills and abilities, promote programs that teach individual and team skills and support the growth of trained coaches and referees. The goal and value of player participation is to have fun while playing soccer, to develop self-esteem and confidence through skill development while promoting a sense of fair play and good sportsmanship.

In order to promote a high level of community spirit, Clackamas United Soccer Club adopts the following Code of Conduct for all players, parents/guardians, and coaches.

Players:

All players on a Clackamas United Soccer Club team will follow the below rules:

- I will treat my coaches, my teammates, other players, referees, and spectators with respect always.
- I will be a positive role model and encourage good sportsmanship from fellow players, coaches, and parents always.
- I will not bully or haze any teammate or another person involved with the club. I will report any bullying or hazing to the coaches or staff members.
- I will remember that all players have talents and weaknesses the same as I do. I will never ridicule or yell at any player for making a mistake during a soccer game or practice.
- I will listen to my coaches and do what is asked of me in order to improve my game and my position on the team. If I need to leave a practice or game early, I will inform my coaches in a timely manner.
- I will attend all practices, games, and events with my CUSC team unless otherwise arranged and approved. I will advise of any absences in a timely manner.
- I understand that I must be on time and play my best at all practices and games.
- Once I am at the soccer field for practice, I will not utilize my cell phone to call or text anyone unless I receive approval from my coaches.
- While sitting on the bench during a game, I will watch the game and support my teammates. I will provide only positive comments to the players on the field.
- I understand that I am responsible for my uniform and equipment.
- I will never use social media to damage my reputation or our soccer community. I understand that posting hurtful information can destroy friendships, family relationships and even a soccer team in a matter of minutes. I will treat those words for what they are: permanent records that can never be erased.
- I understand that posting inappropriate information on any social media are grounds for dismissal from the team/club.
- Destruction of property or violation of State and Federal laws may be cause for dismissal from the program.
- Substance use and or possession thereof (drugs, alcohol, and/or tobacco by minors) is cause for immediate dismissal from the program.

- I will notify the Director of Coaching if a member of another Club's coaching staffs, or other Club representative approaches me for purposes of recruitment.
- I will commit to not recruit Clackamas United Soccer Club players to transfer to another soccer organization.
- I will participate exclusively with Clackamas United Soccer Club for the entire soccer year and not participate in any non-sanctioned training session or soccer event for the duration of this agreement without the written approval of the Director of Coaching.

Parents/Guardians:

Parents are an important part of a player's soccer development and of a team's success. Parents are an integral part of the Clackamas United Soccer Club community. As such, parent's behavior on the sideline and support of their child is of the utmost importance. By allowing your player to accept a spot on a Clackamas United Soccer Club roster you are accepting the parent contract.

- Parents MUST display appropriate behavior on the sidelines at all times.
- Encourage players with cheers and positive comments ONLY.
- Demonstrate good sportsmanship.
- NEVER speak to the referee, opposing coach, or opposing players in a negative manner.
- Regardless of the behavior by the other team, coach or fans, only speak to opposing parents in a complimentary fashion.
- Do not speak about players on the team while on the sideline. In addition, do not speak negatively about an opposing player. Do not speak about players in any negative way. Remember, they are kids.
- Do NOT coach or give instructions to players on the field. This applies to your own child as well as other players on the team.
- Have players at practices and games on time.
- Notify the coach in advance if a player cannot attend a scheduled practice or game.
- Be on time to pick up players and stay tuned in the case of inclement weather.
- Support the coaches, especially regarding lineup choices and discipline.
- Focus on effort and development – not on winning.
- Provide a positive environment for learning and developing. For Example: proper diet before & after games, not participating on other teams without prior approval of the CUSC Director of Coaching, avoid talking to your child about the game during the drive home.
- Communicate with coaches if there are questions or concern, but NOT during, before or after the games. Email them to set a time to talk.
- CUSC stipulates that parents and spectators refrain from smoking or drinking on the sidelines.
- Schedule vacations & camps around the soccer season whenever possible.
- You are responsible to ensure that all family members and guests you bring to games are aware of the codes of conduct.
- Failure to comply with the above requirements may lead to you being suspended from games and practices. Any league fines incurred by the club due to your actions will be your fiscal responsibility.
- As Clackamas United Soccer Club has a limited number of roster spots, registration is considered a binding commitment to pay 100% of all player fees for the season or program even if the player chooses to leave the team/program before the season ends. All fees are non-refundable once a player accepts a spot on the team roster. Payment of the club registration fee implies consent, and we rely on the information to form teams and any reversal negatively impacts this process.

Coaches:

All Clackamas United Soccer Club coaches shall

- Provide a positive role model for their players and parents, by consistently acting in a positive, controlled, and mature manner.
- Demonstrate good sportsmanship and maintain a proper perspective on the purpose of CUSC soccer, namely, participation is for the enjoyment and benefit of the players (not the adults).
- Learn the rules of soccer and earn the required certifications.
- Above all else, maintain the safety and well-being of their players.
- Explain to (and remind) parents what is expected of them and their children.
- Provide a positive, enjoyable atmosphere for the players and parents.
- Refrain from open arguments with referees and other coaches.
- Encourage parents to support the team with their presence as much as possible.
- Provide necessary guidance and equipment at games and practices.
- Discipline players in a FAIR and CONSISTENT manner.
- Refrain from making negative comments about other coaches, players, parents, and referees.
- Be prepared to deal with injuries in a timely manner by review first aid principles.
- Maintain a consistent practice schedule that is both fun and challenging for the players.

All participants of Clackamas United Soccer Club shall always abide by the Club's Code of Conduct. Inappropriate behavior that is determined to violate this Code of Conduct shall result in disciplinary action, up to and including, expulsion from the game/field, and expulsion from Clackamas United Soccer Club.

We the undersigned, have read, understand, and agree to abide by the above guidelines and rules. We also agree to accept any actions taken for failure to abide by these guidelines and rules. By affixing our signatures below, we indicate that we have received and read a copy of the CUSC Parent Handbook, and we understand its contents. Additionally, our signatures indicate our understanding that all fees paid to CUSC are non-refundable. Signature of both the player and a parent are mandatory.

Player's Name

Parent's Name

Player's Signature/Date

Parent's Signature/Date