



Cooper City Cobras Soccer 2021-22 PARENTS/SPECTATORS CODE OF ETHICS

Parent Conduct Subject to Disciplinary Action.

1. Parent gets upset at the Coach and walks their child off the field while the game is going on
2. Parent approaches the Coaches about their concerns during or immediately following the game ignoring the 48 hours cool off period
3. Parent coaching their child during the game from the parents' sidelines
4. Parent trash talking the coach on the parent's sidelines about his methods, tactics, or vision
5. Parent trash talking any player on the field, from either team.
6. Criticizing the coaches' tactics publicly on the sidelines including sending electronic communication to coaches during league or tournament games to complain, offer advice or suggest coaching strategies.
7. No parent or spectator is to make derogatory comments or gestures to or about coaches, referees, linesmen, club officials, players, or other spectators.
8. Use profanity in front of kids.
9. No parent or spectator is to incite or participate in any disruptive behavior.
10. The use of illegal drugs, tobacco and/or alcohol products by any parent or spectator is strictly prohibited.
11. Parents habitually arriving late to games
12. Parents repeatedly NOT calling in advance to let the Team Manager or Coaches know their child will not be available for a game.
13. Entering the playing field during games without the Referee approval.

Disciplinary Action may be taken in any manner deemed appropriate given the Conduct and/or behavior in question. Disciplinary Action may be taken by the Travel Coach, the CCO Soccer Commissioner, the Travel Soccer Program Director of Coaches (DoC) and/or Disciplinary Committee (DC). One or more disciplinary actions may taken alone or combined with several actions and may include disciplinary actions not listed below, but deemed appropriate given the conduct in question.

- A. The Coach may try to resolve the matter by talking to the parents issuing a VERBAL WARNING for the parent to cease the behavior.
- B. Any parent behavior concern may be escalated by the Coaches to the Director of Coaches for review and resolution.
- C. If the violation continues, then the matter will be submitted to the DoC to issue a WRITTEN WARNING
- D. If the behavior persists, the matter will be escalated to the Disciplinary Committee (DC) for further action.

Legal Guardian Name (Print)

Signature

Date

Procedures for dealing with **violations** of Cooper City Cobras Soccer **Code of Conduct** that are escalated to the Director of Coaches (DoC)

Any reports from Referees, Coaches, CCO Board Members players or parents (home or opposing teams) regarding violations of the behaviors contained in CCO Parent / Spectator Code of Conduct, CCO Coaches Code of Conduct or CCO Player Code of Conduct officially filed in writing with the Director of Coaches (DoC) will be handled as follows:

1. The DoC will appoint a Disciplinary Committee (DC).
2. The DC, at its discretion, may recommend that a parent (and potentially their child) be suspended from participation in league activities while the DC investigates and contemplates any action.
3. The DC will verify details of the complaint, including interviewing the person or persons who have made the complaint, as well as any witnesses who may have observed the incident. They will send a letter to the parent involved, asking for his/her version of the incident. The parent will have 7 days to respond in writing to the DC.
4. The DC will meet to determine if disciplinary action should be taken. If the allegation is determined to be correct, the DC may recommend that the parent (and possibly their player) be subject to immediate suspension from the league for a period to be decided on.
5. Parent suspension will consist of not being permitted on any fields, games or practices where CCO players are participating. The DC will submit its recommendation to the CCO Board for approval. If the suspension is approved by the Board, the parent will be notified verbally and in writing of the Board's decision. Based on the nature and severity of the offense, and depending on whether this represents a repeat offense, disciplinary actions for the parent and potentially their player **may include but are not limited to:**
 - Official warning / clarification of expected conduct moving forward
 - Partial season suspension (1-3 games)
 - Suspension for the remainder of the Fall and/or Spring Season
 - One-year suspension
 - Permanent ban from playing and/or coaching at CCO
 - Any other disciplinary action deemed appropriate by the Disciplinary Committee

Legal Guardian Name (Print)

Signature

Date



Cooper City Cobras Soccer PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT

Cobra Soccer players are required to abide by the code of conduct set out below:

1. I will support my teammates in a positive manner and treat my teammates in the same manner I wish to be treated.
2. I will respect my coaching staff by following team rules and coaching directions, listening when spoken to, and accepting constructive criticism to improve my abilities as a soccer player. I will treat my coaches, other players and coaches, game officials, other administrators, and fans with respect always; regardless of race, sex, creed, or abilities, and I will expect to be treated accordingly.
3. My behavior will reflect positively on my team, **Cooper City Cobras**, and the sport of soccer. I will remember that soccer is an opportunity to learn and have fun. I will concentrate on playing soccer. Always giving my best effort. I will always control my temper, resisting the temptation of retaliation. I will always exercise self-control. I will never use abusive or insulting language. I will treat everyone with dignity.
4. By putting on a **Cooper City Cobras** jersey, I am signifying that I will represent **Cooper City Cobras** with pride and passion. While traveling, I shall conduct myself to bring credit to myself and my team.
5. I will demonstrate good sportsmanship towards all officials. Any derogatory comments towards officials will not be tolerated. I will always play by the rules. My conduct during competition towards play of the game and all officials shall be in accordance with appropriate behavior and in accordance with FIFA's "Laws of the Game," and in adherence to FYSA rules.
6. I will also demonstrate good sportsmanship toward opposing players, coaches, and parents. My behavior toward these parties will reflect positively on my team and the **Cooper City Cobras**.
7. I will approach each training session and game situation with passion, vigor, and effort with the intention of becoming a better soccer player through technical, tactical, physical improvement.
8. I will be present and on time for all mandatory training sessions and game situations. I will give my coach prior notice if I will be absent or late for any team activity.
9. I will talk to my coach directly about any difficulties I am having with practice or games. For example, if I am not playing in games as much as I want, I will ask my coach what I need to do to improve.

10. I will take proper care of my body when playing by eating a proper diet, staying hydrated, and getting enough rest.

11. I shall not possess, consume, or distribute before, during or after any game or at any other time at the field and/or game complex alcohol, tobacco, illegal drugs, or unauthorized prescription drugs.

I have read the above information. Any or repeated violations of the above guidelines may result in my suspension or banning from the **Cooper City Cobras**.

Player Name

Player Signature

Date: _____

FYSA COMMUNICABLE DISEASE RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT

In consideration of being allowed to participate in any way in any Florida Youth Soccer Association, Inc. ("FYSA") related events and activities I, the undersigned participant, parent, or legal guardian, acknowledge, appreciate, and agree that:

By participating in FYSA related events and activities, there are certain risks to me arising from or related to possible exposure to communicable diseases including, but not limited to, the virus "severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2)", which is responsible for the Coronavirus Disease (also known as COVID-19) and/or any mutation or variation thereof (collectively referred to as "Communicable Diseases"). I am fully aware of the hazards associated with such Communicable Diseases and knowingly and voluntarily assume full responsibility for any and all risk of personal injury or other loss that I may sustain in connection with such Communicable Diseases.

I, for myself or for my minor child(ren) or ward(s), and on behalf of my/our heirs, assigns, beneficiaries, executors, administrators, personal representatives, and next of kin, **HEREBY EXPRESSLY RELEASE, HOLD HARMLESS, AND FOREVER DISCHARGE FLORIDA YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION, INC.** and its officers, officials, agents, representatives, employees, other participants, sponsors, advertisers, and, if applicable, owners and lessors of premises upon which FYSA related events and activities take place (the "Released Parties"), from any and all claims, demands, suits, causes of action, losses, and liability of any kind whatsoever, whether in law or equity, arising out of or related to any **ILLNESS, INJURY, DISABILITY, DEATH, OR OTHER DAMAGES** incurred due to or in connection with any Communicable Diseases, **WHETHER ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASED PARTIES OR OTHERWISE**, to the fullest extent permitted by law.

I agree that this Agreement is intended to be as broad and inclusive as is permitted by the laws of the State of Florida, and if any portion hereof is held invalid, it is agreed that the remainder shall continue in full legal force and effect.

I HAVE READ THIS RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT, FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS TERMS, UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT, AND SIGN IT FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY WITHOUT ANY INDUCEMENT.

X_____

Participant's Signature/Name

Age

Date

FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS OF PARTICIPANT OF MINOR AGE (UNDER AGE 18 AT TIME OF REGISTRATION)

I certify that I am the legal parent/guardian with responsibility for this participant, and that I have read the foregoing Agreement and do consent and agree to his/her release of all the Released Parties as provided above. I further agree that, for myself, my heirs, assigns, beneficiaries, executors, administrators, personal representatives, and next of kin, I expressly release and agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Released Parties from any and all liability incident to the above Participant's involvement or participation in FYSA related events or activities as provided herein, **EVEN IF ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES**, to the fullest extent permitted by law.

X_____

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Emergency Phone Number(s)

FLORIDA YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION CONCUSSION INFORMED CONSENT

Pursuant to Florida Statute 943.0438, this form must be signed by all youth participants and parent/legal guardians before participating in athletic competition or engaging in any practice, tryout, workout, or other physical activity associated with the youth's candidacy for an athletic team.

Concussion Information

A concussion is a brain injury and all brain injuries are serious. They are caused by a bump, blow, or jolt to the head, or by a blow to another part of the body with the force transmitted to the head. Concussions can range from mild to severe and can disrupt the way the brain normally works. Even though most concussions are mild, all concussions are potentially serious and may result in complications including prolonged brain damage and death if not recognized and managed properly. In other words, even a "ding" or a "bump" on the head can be serious. You cannot see a concussion and most sports concussions occur without loss of consciousness. Signs and symptoms of concussion may show up right after the injury or can take hours or days to fully appear. If your child reports any symptoms of concussion, or if you notice the symptoms or signs of concussion yourself, seek medical attention right away.

Signs and Symptoms Observed by Parents or Coaches

- Appears dazed or stunned.
- Forgets an instruction, is confused about an assignment or position, or is unsure of the game, score, or opponent.
- Moves clumsily.
- Answers questions slowly.
- Loses consciousness (even briefly).
- Shows mood, behavior, or personality changes.
- Can't recall events prior to or after a hit or fall.

Symptoms Reported by Youth Participants

- Headache or "pressure" in head.
- Nausea or vomiting
- Balance problems or dizziness, or double or blurry vision.
- Bothered by light or noise.
- Feeling sluggish, hazy, foggy, or groggy.
- Confusion, or concentration or memory problems.
- Just not "feeling right," or "feeling down."

What can happen if my child keeps on playing with a concussion or returns too soon?

Youth participants with the signs and symptoms of concussion must be removed from play immediately. Continuing to play with the signs and symptoms of a concussion leaves the youth participant especially vulnerable to greater injury. There is an increased risk of significant damage from a concussion for a period of time after that concussion occurs, particularly if the youth participant suffers another concussion before completely recovering from the first one (second impact syndrome). This can lead to prolonged recovery, or even to severe brain swelling with devastating and even fatal consequences. It is well known that adolescent or teenage athletes will often under report symptoms of injuries, and concussions are no different. As a result, education of administrators, coaches, parents and players are the key for youth participant's safety.

If you think your child has suffered a concussion

No athlete may return to activity after an apparent head injury or concussion, regardless of how mild it seems or how quickly symptoms clear, without written medical clearance from a Medical Doctor (MD) or Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (DO) who is familiar with the Close observation of the youth participant should continue for several hours. Parent/Legal guardian should also inform their child's coach if they suspect their child may have a concussion. Remember it is better to miss one game than miss the whole season. When in doubt, the youth participant sits out!

Return to Practice and Competition

The Florida Youth Soccer Association follows *Florida Statute 943.0438*, provides that if an athlete suffers, or is suspected of having suffered, a concussion or head injury during a competition or practice, the youth participant must be immediately removed from the competition or practice and cannot return to practice or competition until a Health Care Professional has evaluated the youth participant and provided a written authorization to return to practice and competition. FYSA recommends that a youth participant not return to practice or competition the same day the athlete suffers or is suspected of suffering a concussion. FYSA also recommends that a youth participant's return to practice and competition should follow a graduated protocol under the supervision of the health care provider (MD or DO).

For more information from the CDC on concussions you can go to:

<https://www.cdc.gov/headsup/youthsports/index.html>

By signing this agreement, the youth player acknowledges the information on pages 1 and 2 have been read and understood.

_____	_____	_____
Youth Participant Name- Printed	Youth Participant - Signature	Date

By signing this agreement, I acknowledge I have read and understand that explains the nature and risk of concussion and head injury, including the risk of continuing to play after concussion or head injury, each year before participating.

_____	_____	_____
Parent/Legal Guardian - Printed	Parent/Legal Guardian - Signature	Date



Cooper City Cobras Soccer 2021 - 2022 Season Player / Club Agreement

Congratulations on being selected to join the Cooper City Cobras Soccer (CCCS) for the Seasonal Year! Your skills and hard work have earned you a spot in our program. Our coaches and Soccer Board hope that this will be an enjoyable year for you and your family. As part of the process, we want to ensure that you are fully aware and understand the commitments the CCCS is making to you now, and our expectations and the obligations incurred by you because of accepting the position offered to you. Every player and parent will be asked to acknowledge your understanding of the mutual expectations between you and CCCS. Accepting the position offered obligates each player to pay (at the registration date) the full designated Club Player Registration Fee for a resident of Cooper City (+ \$30.00 if you are NOT a resident of Cooper City) plus the purchase of the Club's designated standard Cobra UNIFORM PACKAGE, both fees posted at our **Registration Page**.

CCCS WILL PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING:

1. CCCS will provide a competitive soccer program to maximize each player's fullest potential, to be guided by the Head Coach. Each player will be assigned to a team that will have a Head Coach. All Head Coaches report to the Director of Coaches. The Director of Coaches must approve all player's team assignment / placement.
2. Included in the published Club Player Registration Fee is the team participation cost for playing in one of the SFUYSA's Seasonal Leagues (Fall or Spring). The Club would fund the team's Seasonal League registration fee including referee fees. Fee amounts not dispersed due to league or game cancellations will remain in the general fund of the Club - they are not Team funds. NOTE: At times, a Head Coach, with the Director of Coaches' approval, may enter in a second and possibly a third league during the seasonal year. However, the costs associated with registering for these additional leagues (including referee fees) will be the team's membership responsibility to fund **including the subsequent payment related fines/penalties issued by the state soccer affiliate or its leagues for non-compliance to tournament or league policies & procedures.**

PLAYER'S & PARENTS RESPONSIBILITIES

3. CCCS is a competitive soccer club; there is **NO GUARANTEE** of minimum **playing time** or **playing specific positions** unless approved in writing by the Director of Coaches (DoC).
4. There will be **NO REFUND** of player registration costs if a family reconsiders its affiliation with CCCS. A \$25 returned check fee will be applied to checks returned by a bank as unpaid.
5. Members will be expected to purchase the team's designated standard Travel Soccer UNIFORM PACKAGE whose pricing details will be posted at the **Registration Page**.
6. The respective coach and/or the Director of Coaches and Soccer Board will handle all unresolved disputes between coaches and players.
7. In the interest of player development, players will occasionally be given the opportunity to train and/or play sanctioned games with other CCCS teams and/or guest play outside the Club (e.g. college showcase opportunities). Such guest playing opportunities (Internally/Externally) must be PRE-APPROVED in writing by the CCCS Director of Coaches before any communication is made with the targeted player's family inside or outside the Club. The Board does not support GUEST PLAYING arrangements with nearby Clubs.
8. From time to time, there will be team expenses above and beyond what the Club funds with the Player Registration Fee (one SFUYSA Seasonal League) like tournament team registration & referee fees, soccer training gear for the team, referee's fees for non-league games ("friendlies"), travel costs (transportation, lodging & meals) associated with attending soccer events (league games, tournaments, special soccer clinics) and other miscellaneous items. These expenses will need to be funded by the participating

membership under the administration of the Head Coach/Team Manager. The team may seek and receive donations or fundraise to defray these expenses. The collection & transfer of these funds from its membership through the exchange of cash, checks or social payment tools (Venmo, Zelle) need to be tracked and reported every 3 months to its team membership and the Travel Program Leadership using the Club's recommended **Team & Club Account Excel Template**. These funding transactions will need to be recorded in what the Club refers to as the **Team Account Excel Template**.

9. Sponsorship funds issued to CCO will need to be managed through the CCO Team's **Club Account**. The Sponsorship checks issued to CCO for the team will need to be deposited and credited to a team's Club Account balance. These funds may be used to pay for team expenses but not for player registration costs. Sponsorship funds are team donations where unused amounts move with that team from year-to-year and are not for the benefit of individual players. These funds stay with the team if individual players leave and remain with the club if the team dissolves.
10. Signing with CCO constitutes a commitment for the seasonal year END DATE to be determined by the Head Coach after consultation with the families during its Annual Planning Kick-Off Event. In the event a player requests to be released from CCCS prior to the completion of the Age Group's soccer seasonal year, the player agrees to pay CCCS any outstanding amounts including a \$650-dollar withdrawal fee prior to any release being processed to help fund a player replacement. Sponsorship donations will not be returned because they are a donation to the team and not the individual.
11. Notwithstanding a player's position with the Club in a preceding year, CCCS teams are decided by the coaching staff and no guarantees are made as to a player's selection by the Club or, if selected, which place on a team or age group within the Club a player will be assigned. Players may be transferred between teams during the year based on a variety of factors, including the coaching staff's determination of the best development opportunity for the player as well as commitment demonstrated by the player.
12. All team events (practices, games, tournaments, region, etc.) are mandatory. Additional practices may be called through the season at the coach's discretion. Participation levels will be monitored by the coaching staff and playing time and player placement on a team may be affected during the current or future seasons.
13. Regarding the Travel Program Field Training Schedule, the Travel Program does NOT guarantee a specific type of field surface, quantity of field space, number of training days or specific weekday dates or time for its travel teams to train. These will be determined solely at the discretion of the Travel Program Commissioner and may be adjusted during the year based on changes by the City, field sharing agreements with other CCO Youth Sports, etc.
14. The Director of Coaches will work with each Head Coach to determine the tournaments and programming that will be appropriate for each team and player. All tournament entries and other soccer related activities must be pre-approved by the Director of Coaches.
15. CCCS does not support its players playing for other Club teams in **non-sanctioned** tournaments like 3v3, 5v5 and others unless approved in writing and may pursue poaching claims with USSF affiliate the following year if that player ends up playing for that Club the following year.
16. Each player and parent have received and read the FYSA Code of Ethics, read and signed the CCO Spectator / Parent Code of Conduct, and this Agreement and agrees to abide by those requirements. Penalties levied by FYSA or the league for parent misconduct will be the responsibility of the misbehaving family.
17. Families contracting extra training for their child must make sure the Trainer they have contracted is not a registered coach for another Travel Soccer Club. If they are and the player follows that coach to that Trainer's Club the following year, CCCS may file a poaching claim against that Coach & Club.
18. Parents are required to attend the Team's Annual Planning Kick-Off Event for the purpose of establishing the season's play calendar (Tournament & Leagues) and general expectations including identifying the End of Season event for waiving of the Player Early Release Fee. Remember, the Cobra Player Registration Fee only covers one season of League Fees; additional Leagues or Seasons (as well as all Tournaments and state competitions) are to be funded by the team member families.
19. CCO recommends against having soccer parties or meetings at a Coaches or Parent's home for liability reasons. Instead, the Optimist recommends you rent a facility or conduct your team meeting at a public facility or private business.
20. The Cobra **LOGO** is the exclusive property of CCO. The Board must approve IN WRITING its use in any team document, signage, or clothing. Please route inquiries for its use to the DoC. These must be approved by the Commissioner of Travel Soccer.
21. We understand that failure to fulfill our financial obligations to CCCS may result in the player being placed "*Not in Good Standing*" (NGS) with the Club and FYSA, which will result in the player's practicing and playing privileges being suspended until the obligations are fulfilled. This will also affect the player's ability to register with other FYSA affiliate the following year

22. Privacy notice and distribution of electronic mail and postal mailing addresses. For both internal and external use, it is acknowledged that CCCS may compile and distribute email and postal mailing addresses and/or lists and may utilize soccer photographs and video of the named individual. I consent to such uses and waive all rights to compensation.
23. CCCS Travel Soccer Program reserves the right to make any changes to its Program at its discretion in the best interest of the Program.

Acknowledged and agreed to this _____ day of _____, 2020.

Player Signature

Print Player's Name

_____/_____
Gender/ Age Group

Parent Signature

Print Parent's Name

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