

parent code of conduct

Parents, and other family members, have an extremely important role to play in facilitating learning and development in our players both on and off the field. The time that our players spend with family far exceeds that of which is spent with coach. In order to maintain a fun, goal orientated environment please acknowledge and adhere to the following principles:

1. I will not force my child to participate in sports.
2. I will remember that children participate to have fun and that the game is for youth, not adults.
3. I will communicate with my child's coach about any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others.
4. I will make every effort to have my child attend practices and games and will communicate with my child's coach if my child will be late or absent. I understand that playing time may be affected should we miss team events. This is further enforced if frequent and/or without communication.
5. I will learn the rules of the game and the policies of the league / club. Knowing the rules of the game will help with development and will help to minimize disagreements.
6. I (and my guests) will be a positive role model(s) for my child and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for all players (on both teams), coaches, officials and spectators at every game, practice or other sporting event. I (and my guests) will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player, or parent such as booing and taunting; refusing to shake hands; or using profane language or gestures. I will not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and well being of the athletes.
7. I will explain to my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
8. I will explain to my child to treat other players, coaches, officials and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, color, sex or ability.
9. I will explain and reinforce to my child a commitment to process not product, so that my child will never feel completely defeated by the outcome of a game.
10. I will encourage my child to "control what she can control." Focus is always on 'performance' and 'process' goals vs. 'outcome' goals.
11. I will not ridicule or yell at my child or other participant for making a mistake or losing a competition. Nor will I demonstrate any frustration with 'bodily gestures' such as 'throwing of arms' or 'kicking floor' etc.
12. I will emphasize skill development and practices and how they benefit my child in favor of winning.
13. I will promote the emotional and physical well being of the athletes ahead of any personal desire I may have for my child to win.
14. I will demand a playing environment for my child that is free from drugs, tobacco, vaping and alcohol and I will refrain from their use at Sting Soccer Games / Practices / Events

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15. I will refrain from coaching my child or other players during games and practices as conflicting information can be extremely detrimental to a players understanding of techniques or principles being taught. Failure to adhere will result in a sideline suspension. (1 Warning then suspension)

16. I acknowledge that the coach of my child's team is responsible for my behavior and I will therefore respect the coach's authority. Failure to do so will become a club / league / state matter and handled by the D.O.C.

17. I will honor a "48-hour rule" that enforces no contact with the coach after a game with view to discuss performance of team or individuals, positive or negative. Contact must be an emergency related to health and/or wellbeing or related to administrative items.

18. I understand that any questions or concerns are to be addressed directly with the coach and to not engage in sideline/forum 'gossip' that may negatively impact on the image or chemistry of players and parents.

19. Where travel is concerned, I understand that we are required to follow the team itinerary and planning. This includes (but is not limited to) staying in the team assigned hotel, arriving on scheduled date / time, eating with team when scheduled. Any extenuating circumstances are to be communicated and approved by the coach.

20. I understand that my contributions financially to the team Escrow account (does not include club dues) must be kept current. Any accounts not current will result in suspension from future team travel until brought up to date and possibly further suspension from local team events. Payment plans for escrow can be arranged. However, this plan will be specific in terms of payment dates and amounts. Failure to stay current will result in immediate suspension from all team events.

21. I understand that during tournament play, roles and responsibilities may be assigned to all families (where applicable) to ensure players are safe, prepared and can perform. I am happy to fulfill any role necessary where possible.

22. I understand not to take to any form of social media to vent any frustrations or voice negative comments in any way, shape or form. Includes Forums, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and all other public outlets.

23. I understand that our commitment to the team is for the ENTIRE season and will be reliable to participate in all scheduled team events regardless of any circumstances. This is inclusive of local and out of state events.

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I have read, understand and acknowledge my responsibilities in my role as a parent to a O7 G Cook player. I will strive to adhere to all procedures, policies and conduct at all times. I understand to direct any questions or queries directly to the coaching staff.

Player Name: _____

Parent Signature(s): _____/_____

Date: _____