

PARENTS EXPECTATIONS

The parents are an integral part of the Plattsburgh Football Club support system. It is important that parents observe the guidelines established by the Club, Leagues and UYSA. All families are responsible for participating in fundraising activities.

I will....

- Be encouraging, supportive and affirmative in regard to my child's play on the field
- Respect officials and accept their decisions
- Support the coach, manager and the team
- Volunteer my services and talents to the team and the Club when possible
- Familiarize myself with the Laws of the Game
- Comply with the rules, policies and procedures of the team, club, leagues and UYSA as they apply to me
- Follow and obey the Problem Solving Procedures
- Act in the spirit of the game. Support all players on your child's team and do not criticize ANY player. Do not criticize the opponents, their parents, coaches or the officials
- Let the coach run the team. Attempting to coach or instruct our child from the sideline is distracting and counterproductive for the player.
- **Your vocal support and positive encouragement are welcome**

I will never...

- Engage in dissent directed to an official
- Engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, manager, player or parent
- Interfere at any time with the duties and responsibilities of the coach or manager
- Act in any way that is detrimental to the team or The Plattsburgh Football Soccer Club

Nurture independence and responsibility

- Make it your child's responsibility to pack their own uniform in their soccer bag
- If is appropriate, please have your child communicate directly with the coach about issues, concerns, conflicts or simply missing upcoming practices or games
- Players should be reminded to take responsibility for their own performance and to not place blame on others
- You will provide your child with another opportunity to behave independently of your scrutiny
- This "responsibility taking" is a significant part of maturing. Your child's handling of these tasks on and off the field complete his/her "ownership" of all aspects of being a soccer player
- Monitor your child off of the field. Their representation of the club goes beyond the field
- Keep an eye on your child to make sure that they are handling any stress resulting from their participation with the club effectively
- Ask your child to focus on the execution of skills and themes addressed at practice i.e. collecting and passing balls, combination play, shots on goal, successful tackles

Uphold your commitments

- Foster an environment focused on development, enjoyment, and good sportsmanship
- Fulfill your financial commitments
- Support and maintain Plattsburgh Football Club's philosophy on youth development
- Fulfill your team and Plattsburgh Football Club's expectations



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Problem Solving Procedure

Remember, there is a time and place for everything. If you need information or wish to ask questions concerning coaching decisions, arrange a meeting with the coach. Concerns or criticisms are welcome, but should be expressed away from training sessions and games. Every effort will be made to address problems or concerns of our members in a fair and consistent manner. In the event of a disagreement the following procedure should be followed when addressing concerns

24 Hour Rule- Games are extremely emotional for players, parents and coaches. Parents and coaches should not discuss individual player problems concerning the team or their child for 24 hours following a game or training session. This allows all a cooling off time and opportunity to discuss the child without the emotion of the game or training session as well as avoid regrettable public confrontation.

- **Step 1-** Discussion with Team Coach: The member first discusses his/her issues or concerns with the coach.
- **Step 2-** Discussion with respective Director of Coaching: If after discussing the issue with the coach the issue is not resolved, he/she can present the issue to the appropriate Director of Coaching.
- **Step 3-** Discussion with club Technical Director: If the member is not satisfied with this discussion, it can then be presented to the club Technical Director This will be the final step to resolve the situation before the matter goes to the Executive Board.

Parent / Spectator Expectations

- All spectators are expected to know the basic rules and expectations for children of the age group they are watching. (see age group expectations) A good idea is to spend a little time getting familiar with the game by reading, watching soccer or using the internet.

- All participants are here to have fun, including spectators by enjoying their child's successes on the field. Be positive and supportive to all participants.
- Show support for your child's team by volunteering for duties and responsibilities associated with the game.
- Be on time for games and practices with the proper equipment. This shows appreciation for the time and efforts of the coach.
- Be willing to get actively involved in the practices and games if the coach provides the opportunity.
- It sure doesn't hurt your relationship with your child to practice a little extra during the week.
- Sportsmanship is taught by example. Your children learn this from you, the most significant individual in their lives.
- Also by example, you, the parent, show what it means to live a healthy lifestyle and to be active.
- Communication of an idea or concern is necessary at times, so be constructive and respectful and encourage your child to approach the coach if they are having difficulties.
- Try to focus on what is being done well and not yelling about mistakes of other participants, coaches, or officials.
- Let the coach, coach! Yelling instructions, even if meant well, can confuse and frustrate players.
- Avoid public conflicts. More can be accomplished by communicating to the coach and through the coach to the referee. Other parents and spectators are there to enjoy the game as well without unnecessary stress.

Player Name:_____

Parent/Guardian Signature

Parent/Gardian Signature

Date:_____

