

Player Code of Conduct

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The CYSC Player Commitment

Being a member of the Carthage Youth Soccer Club is a privilege. Every time we wear the CYSC crest, we represent our teammates, coaches, families, club, and community.

Our mission is to develop not only skilled soccer players, but respectful, confident, hardworking young people who demonstrate integrity on and off the field.

As a CYSC player, I proudly commit to living our club values of Teamwork, Respect, Determination, and Fun.

TEAMWORK

I understand that soccer is the ultimate team sport.

I will:

- Encourage and support my teammates.
- Celebrate team success before individual success.
- Include every teammate and help everyone feel welcome.
- Communicate positively during practices and games.
- Accept my role on the team and always put the team's needs first.
- Lift teammates up after mistakes instead of criticizing them.

A great teammate makes everyone around them better.

RESPECT

Respect is earned through our actions.

I will:

- Respect my teammates, coaches, opponents, referees, volunteers, and spectators.
- Accept referee decisions without arguing or displaying poor sportsmanship.
- Speak respectfully and avoid inappropriate language.
- Respect the game by playing fairly and honestly.
- Care for club equipment and facilities.
- Represent CYSC with pride both on and off the field, including on social media.

The way I treat others says more about me than the score ever will.

DETERMINATION

Success comes from effort, not excuses.

I will:

- Always give my best effort.
- Arrive prepared, focused, and ready to learn.

- Listen to my coaches and be willing to improve.
- Learn from mistakes instead of becoming discouraged.
- Challenge myself to become a better player and teammate every day.
- Never give up on myself or my teammates.

Hard work is something everyone can choose every day.

FUN

Soccer should inspire a lifelong love of the game.

I will:

- Play with enthusiasm and passion.
- Encourage others to enjoy the game.
- Celebrate accomplishments with humility.
- Compete hard while remembering why I play.
- Help create a positive environment where everyone enjoys coming to soccer.

When we enjoy the game, we play our best.

Sportsmanship

I understand that how I compete is just as important as the result.

I will:

- Play fairly and follow the Laws of the Game.
- Win with humility.
- Lose with dignity.
- Shake hands with opponents and officials after every match.
- Never taunt, bully, or intentionally embarrass another player.
- Never intentionally try to injure another player.

Responsibility

I understand that being part of a team means being dependable.

I will:

- Attend practices and games whenever possible.
- Notify my coach if I cannot attend.
- Bring the proper equipment and be ready to participate.
- Take responsibility for my actions.
- Accept constructive coaching with a positive attitude.

The CYSC Standard

At Carthage Youth Soccer Club, we are more than teammates—we are one club.

Every decision I make should reflect our four core values:

Teamwork – We succeed together.

Respect – We treat everyone with dignity.

Determination – We give our best effort every day.

Fun – We play because we love the game.

Whether anyone is watching or not, I will strive to represent Carthage Youth Soccer Club with pride, character, and integrity.

One Club. One Community. One Standard.