

CONDUCT FOR PLAYERS, PARENTS and COACHES – 2026/2027

The Sumter Soccer Club Player, Parent or Coach I agrees to:

1. Represent Sumter Soccer Club with values and principles of the highest standard both on and off the field.
2. Refrain from behavior that causes public embarrassment or that brings the club into disrepute.
3. Refrain from using foul language, alcohol, nicotine, or illegal drugs of any kind. I will immediately report use by minors at a club event to the coaches and staff members.
4. Treat all teammates, opponents, parents, officials, and coaches with courtesy, respect, and good sportsmanship.
5. I will not bully or haze any teammate or other person involved with club. I will report any bullying or hazing to the coaches or staff members.
6. Honor all commitments as required by Sumter Soccer Club and commit to being on time for all Club functions.
7. Attend all Sumter Soccer Club training and games as required. Player understands that non-attendance without providing sufficient cause and notice may result in the forfeiture of the player's place within Sumter Soccer Club.
8. Wear and maintain proper club training and game apparel. Player understands that they are required to wear official Sumter Soccer Club apparel at all sessions.
9. Participate exclusively with Sumter Soccer Club for the entire soccer year and to 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.
10. Notify the Director of Coaching if a member of another club's coaching staff or other club representative approaches them for purposes of recruitment.
11. Commit to not recruit Sumter Soccer Club players to transfer to another soccer organization.
12. Accept that the club reserves the right to move players between teams.
13. Commit to supporting Sumter Soccer Club in activities that directly benefit the club.

As a parent and/or guardian of a Sumter Soccer Club player, the parent agrees to:

1. Ensure that the player abides by the Player agreement.

2. Support the player in a positive manner.
3. Allow the coaches to manage the players and refrain from offering additional instruction during games or practices. Coaching from the parent's sideline during games or practices is not permitted.
4. Treat all players, opponents, parents, officials, and coaches with courtesy, respect, and good sportsmanship.
5. Refrain from behavior that causes public embarrassment or that brings the club into disrepute.
6. Refrain from using foul language, alcohol, tobacco, or illegal drugs of any kind at club events.
7. Respect the need for a cooling off period immediately after games and not attempt to offer critiques to coaches until sufficient time has passed (at minimum 24 hours). All critiques will be approached in an adult, positive manner and not occur in front of any players.
8. Refrain from entering the field of play or the players area before, during, and after all games unless requested to do so by a team administrator.
9. Accept that any parent or guardian that is removed from a game by an official will result in automatic suspension for a minimum of 2 games by the club. Any subsequent removals will result in further suspension as determined by the Board.
10. Participate exclusively with Sumter Soccer Club for the entire soccer year and to 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.
11. Commit to not recruit Sumter Soccer Club players to transfer to another soccer organization or non-Sumter Soccer Club Soccer trainers.

13. Accept that the club reserves the right to move players between teams.
12. Accept any parent or player found recruiting Sumter Soccer Club players will be suspended for a minimum of one year and may be further disciplined by the Board. In instances where a parent is directly involved, and has more than one player in the Club, the suspension will be extended to include all other family members.
13. Pay all Sumter Soccer Club fees in full. Accept that all fees are non-refundable and non-transferable and also accept that late fees will be assessed when payment does not

occur in a timely manner. Parent/guardian agrees that they have read and agree to the refund policy and all financial terms and conditions.

14. Provide transportation to and from all soccer events and ensure the player is prompt in arrival and departure.

15. Respect the rules of the facilities and accept that pets are not allowed at any club event.

16. Ensure that the player is properly equipped for participation in all soccer activities.

17. Support Sumter Soccer Club fundraising activities in ways that help make the activities a success.

18. The use of any photos, films, videos or sketches taken of the player or other family members during an Sumter Soccer Club activity for publicity, advertising, promotional, and/or educational purposes including, but not limited to, news releases, publications, videos and publication to the World Wide Web as well as in joint promotions with Sumter Soccer Club Marketing Partners.

19. Review the Sumter Soccer Club Privacy Policy and accept its use by the club.

20. Review and accept all Sumter Soccer Club policies.

DISCIPLINARY ACTION

Behavior by the parent or player in contravention to the player/parent agreement and/or deemed inappropriate by the Competitive Program Committee of the Sumter Soccer Board of Directors will result in disciplinary action which may include but is not limited to the following:

1. Issue a letter of reprimand.
2. Place on probation with such special conditions as are deemed appropriate.
3. Suspend for a definite period of time not to exceed one (1) year from the date of the offense.

Disciplinary action may be extended to include all family members.

If the Board finds the conduct of any player/parent purposely ignores the Sumter Soccer Club or South Carolina Youth Soccer Association Rules & Regulations or is detrimental to the objectives of the club, it may suspend the member, or take such other sanctions or actions deemed necessary under the circumstances.