



UNITED SOCCER CLUB

PARTICIPANT CODE OF CONDUCT

United Soccer Club's mission is to empower every player, of every ability, to become the best player and best human being they can be. In order to achieve our mission, USC has adopted a Code of Conduct (the Code) for all of the parents, coaches, and players associated with the club and its teams. The Code is a written contract to abide by the [Laws of the Game](#) as well as to provide a safe and enjoyable environment that emphasizes skill development, fair competition, sportsmanship, and fun. The key tenets of the Code for all participants are:

1. Fostering a safe environment where sportsmanship and teamwork are the priority.
2. Promoting and maintaining a positive and respectful attitude.
3. Supporting and encouraging our youth's physical, emotional, and social development, the development of soccer skills, and a love of the game.

Participant Roles

- The role of the **Player** is to **play**.
- The role of the **Coach** is to **coach**.
- The role of the **Referee** is to **referee**.
- The role of the **Parent** is to **watch and support**.

USC requires all Coaches, Parents, and Players to read and affirm their agreement to uphold the standards listed below as part of this Code.

Coaches Code of Conduct

- I understand that my team will win and lose, and I am coaching for the enjoyment of the game and to improve the skills of youth soccer players.
- I will demonstrate respect for the game officials at all times and refrain from challenging their authority.
- I will direct any concern about a game official through the proper channels with USC and the Colorado Soccer Association after the game.
- I will be a positive role model for my team and encourage sportsmanship by demonstrating respect, courtesy, and positive support for all players, coaches, officials and spectators at every game, practice, or other club event.
- I will maintain control of my emotions and avoid actions, language, and/or gestures that may be interpreted as vulgar, hostile, abusive and/or humiliating.
- I will require that my team treat all players, coaches, officials, and spectators with respect.
- I will teach each player, especially through personal example, to be humble and generous in victory and courteous in defeat.
- I will ensure that fans of my team exhibit sportsmanship and maturity at all times, and I will assist game officials in maintaining control of spectators during games.
- I will demand a sports environment that is free from drugs and alcohol, and I will refrain from their use at all USC sporting events.
- I will not use abusive, profane, or derogatory language.

- I understand that I have an on-going responsibility while serving as a coach, assistant coach, or volunteer to disclose and report any observed or suspected abuse, harassment, or incident impacting the welfare of any youth participant.

I agree to the above code of conduct, affirm that I will abide by each item, and acknowledge that coaching in our program, although voluntary, is a privilege and not a right. I also agree that my failure to abide by any of these items within the code will make me subject to possible disciplinary action, which may include, and is not limited to:

1. Verbal warning by USC official or Board Member.
2. Written warning.
3. Game(s) suspension with written documentation of the incident kept on file by USC.
4. Season suspension.
5. Removal of coach from all club activities in the future.

Parent Code of Conduct

- I will encourage my child to participate in United Soccer Club events and games and honor his/her commitment to the program.
- I understand the team will win and lose and my child is playing for the enjoyment of the game and to improve their skills as soccer players.
- I (and my guests) will be a positive role model for my child and encourage sportsmanship by demonstrating respect, courtesy, and positive support for all players, coaches, officials and spectators at every game, practice, or other event.
- I am responsible for the conduct of any guests I bring to my child's game, practice or other event and will ensure that they adhere to the rules and guidelines set forth in this Code.
- I will maintain control of my emotions and avoid actions, language, and/or gestures that may be interpreted as vulgar, hostile, abusive and/or humiliating.
- I will respect the officials and their authority during games and will never question, discuss, or confront officials at the game field.
- I will direct any concerns about a game official through the proper channels with the Colorado Soccer Association after the game.
- I will require that my child treat all players, coaches, officials, and spectators with respect.
- I will respect the coaches and their authority during games and will never question, discuss, or confront coaches at the game field. Instead, if necessary, I will arrange with the coach(es) an appropriate time and place to speak.
- I will refrain from coaching during the game and will acknowledge good play by players and opposing players.
- I understand that drugs and alcohol have no place in youth sports, and I will refrain from their use at all USC events.
- I will not use abusive, profane, or derogatory language at USC events.
- I will notify the Head Coach of schedule conflicts as soon as possible.
- I understand that it is solely my parental responsibility to ensure that my child safely arrives and departs practices and/or games.
- I agree to the above code of conduct and affirm that I will abide by each item. I also agree that my failure to abide by any of these items within the code will make me subject to possible disciplinary action, which may include, and is not limited to:



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1. Verbal warning by official, head coach, and/or USC Official or Board Member.
2. Written warning.
3. Parental game(s) suspension with written documentation of the incident kept on file by USC.
4. Parental season suspension.
5. Removal of parent and child from all future club activities.

Player Code of Conduct

- I will show commitment to my team(s) and the program by attending practices and games.
- I will show sportsmanship, responsibility, respect, and integrity at all times.
- I will always try my best and work hard to improve my soccer skills.
- I will respect my coaches, teammates, parents, opponents, and referees.
- I will be a team player, get along with and cooperate with my coaches and teammates.
- I will learn and follow the rules and the laws of the game of soccer.
- I will not use abusive, profane, or derogatory language.
- I will notify the Head Coach of schedule conflicts as soon as possible.
- I understand my team will win and lose but I am playing for the enjoyment of the game and to improve my skills as a soccer player.

I agree that my failure to abide by any of these items within the code will make me subject to possible disciplinary action, which may include, and is not limited to:

1. Verbal warning by Head Coach, Assistant Coach, Parent Volunteer, or USC Official or Board Member.
2. Parent/Guardian and Player discussion with the Head Coach.
3. Meeting with the Director of Coaching/USC President, Head Coach and parent.
4. Game(s) suspension with written documentation of the incident kept on file by USC.
5. Removal from club practices, games, and activities in the future.

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