

DC Soccer Club Parent/Guardian Code of Conduct

- 1. I will bear in mind that my child(ren) participates in soccer for THEIR enjoyment.
- 2. I will support my child(ren) by reminding them of their responsibility to abide by the Players Code of Conduct and to the value of aspiring to the highest standards of sportsmanship in their play.
- 3. I will emphasize that giving one's best effort is more important than winning and will model that value in my support and conduct.
- 4. I will REFRAIN FROM COACHING any player(s) during games or practices unless I am an official coach for the team.
- 5. I will respect decisions of officials and will teach my child(ren) to do likewise. I will not question an official's call.
- 6. I will be a positive role model and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect, courtesy, and positive support to all players, coaches, officials, DC Soccer Club volunteers and staff, and spectators at every practice and/or games. I will ensure that other family members and friends I bring to a match or to a practice session do the same.
- 7. I, and my guests, will not engage in any kind of unsporting conduct such as booing, ridiculing, taunting, refusal to shake hands, or usage of any profane language or gestures.
- 8. I will not use profanity or make comments that demean another person based on that person's race, ethnicity, religion, gender, sexual orientation, physical limitations, or athletic ability.
- 9. I will encourage my child(ren) to treat everyone with respect regardless of race, ethnicity, religion, gender, sexual orientation, physical limitations, or athletic ability.
- 10. I will respect the rules of the game and encourage my child(ren) to play according to the Laws of the Game as established by the United States Soccer Federation and enforced by DC Soccer Club.
- 11. I will respect and follow the policies of DC Soccer Club, of organizations of which DC Soccer Club is a member, and of the venues where events take place.
- 12. I will not bring drugs, tobacco, alcohol, or firearms to a DC Soccer Club event and will support DC Soccer Club's efforts to provide a sports environment that is free of drugs, tobacco, alcohol, and firearms.
- 13. I will remember that DC Soccer Club activities are for the players, and I will make decisions based on what is best for the players, the team, and the club.



14. Before posting or sharing content on social media platforms, consider its accuracy, relevance, and potential impact. Respect the privacy of others and refrain from sharing personal information without consent.

I understand that a violation of this code of conduct by me, members of my family or guests that I bring to a DC Soccer Club event may result in penalties based on the nature and severity of the violation and may include one or more of the following: verbal warning, written warning, suspension of one or more games in duration and/or expulsion.

I understand that a players' seasonal financial commitment must be up-to-date before that player can begin play on a DC Soccer Club team. Additionally, I understand that before a player can transfer to another team, the financial obligations to DC Soccer Club and the players' team must be fully satisfied. I hereby acknowledge that I am subject to the foregoing policies and I give approval for my child to participate in any and all events associated with being a member of a DC Soccer Club team. Furthermore, I acknowledge that the contents of this Code of Conduct may be amended by the DC Soccer Club Board of Directors at its discretion at any point during the school year to which my child actively participates in a DC Soccer Club program or activity.