



Arundel Soccer Association

Code of Conduct

This Code of Conduct outlines expectations for all participants to ensure a safe, fun, positive, and development-focused environment. By participating in the league, players and parents agree to uphold these standards throughout the season.

PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT

1. Respect & Sportsmanship

Players agree to:

- Treat all teammates, opponents, coaches, referees, and spectators with respect at all times.
- Demonstrate sportsmanship by congratulating opponents, shaking hands after the game, and avoiding negative comments or gestures.
- Use appropriate language; no profanity, mocking, bullying, or taunting.
- Respect referee decisions even when they are disappointing or unexpected.

2. Effort, Attitude, & Learning

Players agree to:

- Arrive prepared for practices and games with proper equipment and a positive attitude.
- Listen carefully to coaches and follow instructions to the best of their ability.
- Try their hardest during practices and games, regardless of score or circumstances.
- Show curiosity and willingness to learn new skills, positions, and strategies.



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3. Team Responsibility

Players agree to:

- Encourage and support teammates; celebrate team successes and help others stay positive.
- Avoid blaming teammates for mistakes and instead focus on improvement.
- Accept playing time and position assignments as decided by the coach.
- Keep team areas clean and treat league facilities and equipment responsibly.

4. Fair Play & Safety

Players agree to:

- Follow all rules of the game and avoid dangerous or reckless play.
- Immediately inform coaches of injuries, equipment issues, or unsafe conditions.
- Avoid intentional physical contact (pushing, tripping, striking) that violates rules or endangers others.
- Wear required safety gear throughout all practices and games.



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PARENT & GUARDIAN CODE OF CONDUCT

As a member/spectator of the recreational program at Arundel Soccer Association, I hereby understand all of the following excerpts below and agree to follow the rules and behavior listed within:

- I will lead by example in demonstrating sportsmanship and fair play to all participants before, during and after every game.
- I will never harass the game officials in any manner. I will treat the game officials with respect and expect that the players, spectators, and supporters do the same.
- I will provide an environment that is free of tobacco, drugs and alcohol and I will refrain from their use at all youth sports events.
- I will place the emotional and physical well-being of all children ahead of a personal desire to win.
- I will treat each player as an individual and keep in mind the large range of emotional development within the same age group.
- I will not direct any negative communication, or criticism, towards opposing coaches, parents or players.
- I will do my best to provide a safe playing environment for all players. I will never knowingly permit an injured player to play or return to the game without proper medical approval.
- I will allow coaches to coach and refrain from providing tactical instructions from the sidelines.
- I will ensure that all equipment used by my players is safe and conforms to the rules of the game. I will not allow illegal or unsafe equipment to be used in the game.
- I will ensure that my players are supervised by myself or another designated adult who is an approved volunteer under ASA standards, and I will never allow my players to be left unattended at a game or



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practice.

- I will remember that I am a spectator and that the game is for the children and not the adults.
- I will understand the ASA Rules and Procedures of the Game.
- I will not use any derogatory language of any kind towards, or around the players, referees, or coaches.

ZERO-TOLERANCE POLICIES

The league maintains a zero-tolerance policy for all participants regarding:

- Physical aggression or threats.
- Bullying or harassment (verbal, physical, or digital).
- Discriminatory language or behavior (race, gender, disability, religion, etc.).
- Confronting referees, coaches, league officials, or other parents in an aggressive or argumentative manner.
- Repeated unsportsmanlike or disruptive behavior.

Violations may result in:

- Verbal or written warnings
- Removal from games or training sessions
- Suspension from future league activities
- Permanent removal from the league (for severe or repeated offenses)



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LEAGUE VALUES & EXPECTATIONS

This recreational soccer league exists to:

- Provide a fun, developmental experience for all children.
- Teach teamwork, respect, resilience, and a love of the sport.
- Emphasize participation, learning, and enjoyment over winning.
- Create a safe, inclusive, and family-friendly environment.

By signing up for the season, parents and players acknowledge their commitment to these standards.