

# Patriot FC Code of Conduct

## As a Coach:

- ❖ I will create a positive learning environment for all players. I understand that reinforcing good play is a far better coaching technique than criticizing mistakes.
- ❖ I will encourage players to make their own decisions. I know that telling players what to do will not improve their play.
- ❖ I will treat all officials with respect; I will be polite and courteous to them.
- ❖ I will not tolerate inappropriate behavior, regardless of the situation.
- ❖ I will only interact with opposing players, parents and coaches to encourage or congratulate them.
- ❖ I will not engage in any obscene gestures, language or violent conduct.
- ❖ I will congratulate players after every game regardless of the result.
- ❖ I will encourage communication from my team.
- ❖ I understand that alcohol, illegal drugs or prescription drugs will not be possessed, consumed or distributed at any time at any field or complex.

## As a Parent:

- ❖ I will be supportive and encouraging to all players on the field. I will keep all negative comments to myself.
- ❖ I will not coach. I will let the coaching staff make any adjustments. I will let the players make their own decisions or allow them to communicate to their teammates. I know that telling them what to do and how to do it is not helping them improve.
- ❖ I will never address opposing players or parents unless it is to encourage or congratulate.
- ❖ I will treat all officials with respect. I will let them call the game. I understand that mistakes will be made, but the value of teaching our kids to respect officials and the game of soccer is more important than an offside call.
- ❖ I will not engage in any obscene gestures, language or violent conduct.
- ❖ I will leave the game at the final whistle, I will not approach the referee, players or coaches unless invited to do so.
- ❖ I will not engage in discussions with the coach or trainer about my child for a minimum of 24 hours after the game.
- ❖ I will try to keep the game fun for my child.
- ❖ I will encourage my child to communicate with their coach about all conflicts or questions about their own play.
- ❖ I understand that alcohol, illegal drugs or prescription drugs will not be possessed, consumed or distributed at any time at any field or complex.

### **As a Player:**

- ❖ I will have fun and be fair at all times whether I am at a home or away soccer field for practice, game or any club event.
- ❖ I will obey the laws of FIFA and rules of EPYSA Soccer and not resort to any violence due to disagreements.
- ❖ I will treat every facility I play at with respect and I will leave it clean and tidy.
- ❖ I will refrain from criticizing my coach, manager, teammates, parents, opponents or any game official and will show respect to all.
- ❖ I will ONLY use kind words and gestures towards coaches, teammates, opposing players, game officials and spectators. Talking back to coaches or any official is not an acceptable behavior. I understand that profanity towards coaches, teammates, opposing players, referees or spectators is NOT allowed.
- ❖ I will always try my best.
- ❖ I will work for the good of my team. I will try to attend all practices and games and I will notify my coach if I will be absent.
- ❖ I will learn to accept the decisions of game officials and coaches though I may not always agree with the decisions.
- ❖ I will be generous when I win and gracious when I lose. I will shake hands with my opponents after the game.
- ❖ I will not engage with or speak about opponents negatively off the field, including any online forums or social media.
- ❖ I will not use or promote the use of alcohol, tobacco, drugs or firearms at any Patriot FC event.

**The club may impose penalties including reprimands, suspension or playing/coaching/spectator privileges, and expulsion from a team or the club if a player/coach/parent cannot abide by the rules of this Code of Conduct, as determined by the Board of Directors.**