



# Alliance Soccer Club

## Parent Code of Conduct

### Policy: Parent Behavior, Conduct and Expectations

#### **General:**

Once you make a commitment to Alliance Soccer Club, you thereby agree to abide by the policies set forth by the club and your respective team. The commitment is for the seasonal year, which begins in August and runs through the following June.

A key ingredient in the success of our Alliance Soccer program is clear, concise and consistent communication between the organization, it's teams, coaches, players and parents. This agreement is one way of both explaining and gaining agreement with our expectations of you, as a member of Alliance Soccer Club.

Please consider that when you make your commitment to Alliance Soccer Club, the Coach and/or Executive Director may need to inform other players that they did not make the team. Be sensitive to those others and consider your decision to fully commit carefully. Once you have committed to Alliance, Alliance commits to you.

Should any conflict arise between the team and a player, the team coach, under the direction of and with input from the Executive Director, will be responsible to make decisions for the overall welfare of the team and players. Decisions will only be made after gathering all relevant information and upon consulting with all parties involved.

Our coaches will always seek to make the best decisions possible for the players and team. Players and coaches must agree to work as a team. Ultimate decisions as to playing time, positions, formation, discipline, suspensions and terminations from team will be made by staff, and based on the coaches and club's expectations and objectives.

Alliance Soccer Club wouldn't exist without parent commitment and involvement. Each parent is making a tremendous sacrifice in terms of time, finances and energy and we genuinely appreciate that. Parents are not mere spectators to the processes of our club, but are one of the key ingredients to a successful team! We have high hopes that parents of the team will co-exist in a harmonious and encouraging manner. Given the amount of time spent together, it's imperative that players, parents, and coaches work well together.

#### **Financial Obligation**

Parents or legal guardians of every player are responsible for all monies associated with their child's play in the Alliance Soccer program. The fee structure and refund policy for each seasonal year is available at tryouts,

signing day. Returned checks, credit card payments, bank draft fees, or other costs of collection, which will include a \$30 processing fee, will be the responsibility of the parent.

### **Alliance Soccer Club parent expectations include:**

#### **General**

- Getting players to training, games and to team events on time (and picked up on time as well).
- Representing the club and teams in a positive manner at all times.
- Avoiding the use of profanity at all times.
- Avoiding fighting, yelling at or arguing with coaches, referees and other parents.
- Being encouraging, supportive and positive with all players.
- Representing with integrity at all times and refrain from spreading any negativity.
- Volunteering their time to support the team and club (fund-raising, field maintenance, team administration, committees).
- Accept financial responsibility for the commitment and pay all required fees.
- Bullying will not be tolerated.

#### **Training and Games**

- Always set your availability on TeamSnap for all activities displayed on the schedules tab at least 48 hours prior to the event.
- Refraining from coaching from the sideline. Commands like “Shoot”, “pressure”, “pass”, “take it”, “get it out of there”, “boot it” “send it” and “hurry” are all interpreted as instructions and are therefore prohibited from use by parents.
- Remaining in the spectator area during all training and games.
- Only provide positive verbal support to players, coaches and referees (when in doubt, silence is best).
- Never challenge referees’ call(s) either verbally or by way of gesture.
- Defer to and support coach in handling any dispute, referee action, disciplinary action or violation of this agreement or team rules.

#### **Communication with Coach**

- Scheduling time to discuss questions or concerns with the Coach.

- Allowing at least 24 hours (cool down period) after a training session or game to address any concerns with the Coach.
- Not disturbing the coach during training, games, team talks.

### **Coordination with Team Manager**

- Respecting your team manager and remembering that they are volunteers and are not involved with the coaching decisions.

### **Disciplinary Action**

Our attempt in this policy is to present in clear detail the expectations of you as a parent of Alliance Soccer. If you are ever uncertain about any of the rules and regulations, please ask your team coach or the Alliance Soccer Manager. Knowing and understanding these responsibilities and policies will help ensure that your participation in the club will be positive for you, your player, your team and your coach. **We have high expectations of our coaches, the club, the parents and players.**

We believe behavior is so crucial to team success or failure that a willingness to abide by agreed upon values is indeed a qualification for membership. When parents refuse to abide by these expectations, they are in effect deciding not to be on the team. Parents that are allowed to remain in spite of their behavior will undermine the team's morale and performance as well as the club's image and reputation of excellence in character. Alliance Soccer coaches will not permit this to happen!

If disciplinary action is necessary, the following steps will be taken:

1. The Coach will discuss the problem directly and privately with the parent with the understanding that the problem will be corrected immediately. The Coach will also inform the Executive Director of Coaching (and/or program DOC) of the situation.
2. The Coach will communicate with the parent to discuss the problem and lack of response on the part of the parent. This will be done in private and without the knowledge of other parents and players.
3. If the problem continues, the Executive Director of Coaching may temporarily suspend the parent. If the situation warrants, the Executive Director may recommend to the JCPR Director the permanent dismissal (expulsion) from the club. The parent will be notified of the decision.
4. Any parent recommended for removal from the club may request the opportunity to meet with the Executive Director and the JCPR Director. Serious infractions that may warrant immediate suspension or dismissal from the club include but are not limited to the following:
  - a) Violence, abuse, theft, and dishonesty.
  - b) Drug, alcohol and tobacco use.
  - c) Behavior that brings serious disrepute to Alliance Soccer Club.

Our club strives to maintain a national reputation of excellence and this policy has been established to make our environment more professional, enjoyable and safe for everyone.

I acknowledge that I / we have received an Alliance Soccer Club Parent Behavior, Conduct and Expectations Policy, and agree to abide by this guidance. I will not compromise myself in such a way as to do harm to Alliance Soccer Club, knowing that players may be dismissed from participation, with possible loss of payment or dues, for violent conduct or unsportsmanlike behavior on or off the field of play.

Team & Coach: \_\_\_\_\_

Player Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_