



Park City Soccer Club

Parents' Code of Conduct



PURPOSE:

The purpose of this Club is to inspire young athletes to develop competitive level soccer skills by providing the opportunity to learn from professional trainers and licensed coaches. The Club will promote sportsmanship, fellowship, and a respect for the rules of soccer and for the efforts of coaches and referees. It will encourage all Club members to behave in an exemplary manner on and off the field according to the Park City Soccer Club, UYSA and USYSA Club Codes of Conduct.

OBJECTIVES:

1. Make the game enjoyable for the players. Winning is important but not the only objective, *especially* in the younger age groups where player development and playing experience takes precedence.
2. Develop players to the maximum of their ability as determined by the Park City Soccer Club Coaching staff and involve the parents' of players in a consolidated effort to make PCSC a positive experience for all Club members.
3. To foster pride and a high level of commitment in all Club members (players, parents and coaches); and to approach problem solving with an emphasis on constructive criticism that will benefit the Club as a whole, rather than the self-interests of any one individual or team.

EXPECTATIONS and COMMITMENT: (Parent must initial each item to indicate acceptance)

1. **_____ Parents' will respect and support the Coach's decisions by helping players understand the concept of team play.** The Coach may ask individual players to help the team by playing positions that are not their preferred positions. The Coach or Coaching Director may move individual players between "A" teams and developmental "B" teams within age groups (up or down) between the fall and spring game seasons.
2. **_____ Parents are expected to help players understand and accept the Coach's decisions on player position and playing time.** All players are expected to cooperate with the Coach and their teammates to try their best in every game. Individual players may get more or less playing time than other teammates. Playing time is at the discretion of the Coach who will factor in player position, skill, attitude, practice attendance, and how the player is performing on any given day.
3. **_____ Parents are expected to respect and support Park City Soccer Club Board Members and Team Managers.** Board Members and Team Managers are volunteers who donate many hours to the Club. Parental support and respect includes responding to e-mail, volunteering, paying fees on time, and respecting the efforts and decisions of the Board and Team Managers.
4. **_____ The Annual PCSC training schedule is set to ensure optimum skill development and preparation for games.** Training includes summer, fall, winter and spring sessions, which occur before and after regular season play (see club calendar overview for specific dates). Players are expected to attend all training sessions during fall, spring and summer sessions. Players are expected to attend at least 1 hour of training weekly during the winter session.
5. **_____ UYSA Game schedules are set by the UYSA at the state level; our local Club has little to no control over this scheduling.** The spring season begins annually in late March. Because of Park City School District calendaring, up to three games may be scheduled during Spring Break. If families are traveling, this will result in a number of reschedules that will require patience and flexibility on the part of parents and players. The transition to a competitive team at the state level creates new and greater expectations that require more flexibility and team commitment to be successful.
6. **_____ Parents commit that they will make all reasonable efforts to ensure that players meet their commitment to the team – including scheduling other activities to avoid conflicts whenever possible.** Players commit that unless they are sick or injured or have received permission from the coach in advance to attend another function, they will attend all practices and games. Failure to make practices or games will result in reduced or no playing time. Parents will pre-advise a coach or team manager of those occasions when the player will be absent or expects to be late.
7. **_____ Parents should expect that their team will be encouraged to consider participation in travel tournaments.** PCSC encourages participation in tournaments appropriate to the age group and division. Many tournaments are on holiday weekends; Sunday play is common when traveling out of state.
8. **_____ Parents acknowledge that personal contact information gained through their association with the Park City Soccer Club is proprietary.** Use of PCSC rosters, email or mailing/street addresses and phone numbers may not be used to conduct anything other than official PCSC business. Use of Club contact information to communicate messages at the request of an outside party, or to express matters of personal nature or opinion is considered to be a violation of this Code of Conduct.

FAIR PLAY:

PCSC players are expected to try their best in every game to win *within the rules as defined by FIFA and modified by UYSA*

1. Parents should assist coaches to discourage players using foul play or foul language.
2. Parents should set an example to players by not criticizing or arguing with officials but rather recognizing that officials are making their best efforts to see that the games are played according to the rules and for the benefit of the players.
3. Parents should act as positive role models for the players. They should attempt to praise good plays and refrain from publicly ridiculing or criticizing players for mistakes.
4. Encourage players to show good sportsmanship toward opponents and officials both in victory and in defeat.
5. Parents will support the coaches' decisions-- at all levels-- in order to promote good sportsmanship.

PRACTICE and GAME CONDUCT:

Practice Day:

1. All players will be at practice with all of their equipment and ready to play 5 minutes before scheduled start time.
2. Parents are encouraged to attend but not participate in practice.
3. Parents must make arrangements to have their child picked up ON TIME.

Game Day:

1. All players will be at scheduled field at least 30 minutes (some coaches may ask for more) prior to the game start, dressed and ready to play.
2. UYSA rules state that spectators and players must occupy the same sideline opposite the other team. Supporters of a team must assemble no closer than 20 yards from the center line, and no closer than 5 yards from the sideline.
3. Parent participation will be restricted to positive encouragement of the team's efforts. No negative comments directed toward any player (ours or our opponent's), any team, any coach, or any referee will be tolerated. Any infraction of this rule will result in the parent being asked to leave the field.
4. Parents will not attempt to coach or offer strategic advice to any player during the course of the game.
5. Any disagreement should be taken up with the coach individually, or the PCSC Board *after* a 24-hour cooling off period. *Parents who feel the need may submit constructive criticism via the club website and will be asked to state the problem and a suggested solution. This is the first step in any matter of Club business to be addressed by the Board.*

I understand that questions about Club commitments and guidelines can be further explained by Team Managers. I recognize that the PCSC is a parent volunteer run organization and, as a parent, will remember that a solid, unified soccer club takes a lot of work and the collective efforts of all. As a parent, I accept that I am a part of that effort and will do my best to be a positive influence within the Club and particularly on my child's team. Any violation of this Code of Conduct shall be grounds for referral to the Park City Soccer Club Discipline Committee.

Parent Signature: _____ **Printed Name:** _____

Date: _____