



## USC (Ukrainian Sports Club) Karpaty Soccer Club Code of Conduct



**From:** Ukrainian Sports Club (USC) Karpaty Soccer  
**To:** All Players, Parents and Coaches

Rules listed in the below "Code of Conduct" will be strictly followed to assure providing fun, healthy and most importantly safe environment for all registered with USC Karpaty Soccer Club. They are an attempt to make all participants aware of their obligations regarding each other and through this to create the environment focused on providing a positive practice and playing environment for our players, coaches and parents. They are also to assure that our Club is always represented appropriately and with dignity.

Being a member of the Toronto Soccer Association (TSA), we require all Players, Parents, Coaches and Spectators to adhere to the criteria for Conduct defined under a series of Codes of Conducts defined by TSA and available at the following link: [Toronto Soccer Association -- Codes of Conduct](#).

*Parents are asked to review the Codes of Conducts defined by TSA and the below stated internal USC Karpaty Code of Conduct with their children, discuss it and apply it during the team's practices and games - even if player is present on the side lines only.*

Each Player and Parent needs to read these documents and by signing it acknowledges that they read, understood and will adhere to these rules and guidelines.

**All soccer participants and players need to respect one another (our and opposing team), coaches, referees, and spectators.**

All participants involved in the USC Karpaty Soccer Club will conduct themselves in a manner that promotes the good will and positive spirit of athletics. Participants will conduct themselves with the highest standard of courtesy, integrity and good sportsmanship.

- All members and participants shall respect other coaches, players, members, fans, spectators, and officials.
- Any inappropriate conduct, threats harassment, or abuse (verbal or physical) directed towards coaches, players, members, fans, spectators, officials, volunteers, parents, and team officials will not be tolerated.
- All members, fans and participants of athletic events shall behave in a positive and supportive manner.
- Violation by any member, fan or participant of this document and the codes of conduct contained within may result in an immediate and indefinite suspension from games, practices, tournaments, and special events for the family (including the player) or family member involved.

### Code of Conduct: Players

I realize that participation on a team is a privilege and not a right, and because of this, I will adhere to the following code of conduct, and as a player will:

- Demonstrate qualities or integrity, courtesy and good sportsmanship at all times by:
  - playing by the rules and in the spirit of the game.
  - controlling my temper.
  - respecting my opponents, coaches, officials, fans, etc.
  - always striving to give my best on and off the field of play.
  - having a positive outlook regardless of the circumstances.
  - being a team player that supports the actions, decisions, and the outcomes of my coaches and my team-mates.
- Demonstrate a commitment to coaches and team-mates by:
  - attending and being on time for every practice and game.
  - be willing to give 100% effort 100% of the time.
  - striving to improve in all skills involved in my activity and reach for a higher level of mastery.
  - communicating to my coach and team-mates any information which will affect my participation and commitment in team activities.
  - realizing Coaches are volunteers and are committed to giving their best for each player and the team and I will do



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the same in return for my coaches and team-mates

### Code of Conduct: Parents

I realize that participation on a team is a privilege and not a right, and because of this, I will conduct myself according to the following Code of Conduct:

- Demonstrate qualities or integrity, courtesy and good sportsmanship at all times by:
  - respecting and showing appreciation for the volunteers who give their time to provide sporting activities for my child.
  - handling disputes between myself and team officials with dignity and through proper team channels: privately with the coach and at an appropriate time.
    - In the rare event that a solution cannot be realized in communication with the coaches I will seek the assistance of the USC Karpaty Soccer Club Executive Committee.
  - handling disappointment, whether it occurs through disputes, my child's skill, the officials and their decisions, placement on a team, etc. with dignity, maturity, and common sense.
  - remembering that my child plays sports for his or her enjoyment, not mine.
- Demonstrate a commitment to coaches and players by:
  - encouraging my child to play by the rules, and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or aggressive conduct.
  - teaching my child that "doing one's best" is as important as winning.
  - being positive and supportive in my comments to my child during competition.
  - being a fan not a fanatic.
  - supporting all the guidelines contained in this handbook including the coaches' selection of the team and playing time.

### Code of Conduct: Coaches

All coaches will embrace the philosophy that the game is a game of enjoyment. It is played not only in the pursuit of excellence, but to promote a healthy lifestyle in the social, mental, and physical development of the player. All coaches are to lead by example, and should therefore follow the same expectations of conduct as the player.

- All coaches will focus on maintaining a high level of integrity, courtesy and good sportsmanship as leaders of their teams by:
  - following the rules of the game which are to be regarded as mutual agreements, the spirit or letter of which no one should try to evade or break.
  - regarding and treating all officials and opponents as being honest in intention.
  - agreeing that decisions of officials, no matter how unfair they may seem, are to be accepted without show of outward disgust.
  - agreeing that it is desirable to win, but at any cost it defeats the purpose of the game.
    - Losing can be a triumph when the best has been given.
  - treating all visiting teams as honoured guests.
  - treating all others as I, myself, would like to be treated.
  - promoting the mental, social, and physical development of values in the athletes under their care.
  - being sensitive to the emotional needs of the athletes I coach.

### Breaches by Players

Individual breaches will be dealt with by the coach. Serious breaches may be referred to the USC Karpaty Soccer Club Executive Committee if deemed appropriate by the coach. Possible consequences of breaches of conduct may include but are not limited to: limit of playing time, and suspension from the team or dismissal from the club without a refund.

Infractions that occur during the game are governed by the Laws of the Game and will be decided by the referee. There may also be further action by the league discipline committee.

Certain serious infractions may result in a discipline hearing convened by the Toronto Soccer Association (TSA) or Ontario Soccer



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Association (OSA) or their delegate, and could lead to a worldwide suspension from soccer, and/or a fine being levied by the TSA or OSA.

Payment of the fine is my responsibility if the infraction was deemed to be deliberately caused by the player, or in other words: Parents will be responsible for reimbursing the Club for any fines payable by the Club due to player's deliberate actions or inactions.

**Breaches by Parents**

Breaches of conduct during soccer practices and/or games shall be handled by the coach. Serious breaches may be referred to the USC Karpaty Soccer Club Executive Committee for the review and corrective action. The offending parent(s) will be requested to stop the inappropriate actions immediately. If the actions do not cease, the parent will be asked to leave the site. If the individual continues, the Police will be called to remove the parent from the area. If for any reason the Code of Conduct is not followed by the parent(s), any [one or more] of the following steps may be taken by the Club:

- Request the parent not attend team events
- Remove the player from the team

**Breaches by Coaches**

All breaches of the Code of Conduct will be dealt with by the USC Karpaty Soccer Club Executive Committee. A review hearing may be called and all involved parties will have an opportunity to be present. Upon completion of the hearing a decision shall be made as to the future of the coach with the team. Possible consequences warranted may include by are not limited to: a reprimand, a suspension of coach from the team for a period of time or the banishment of the coach from the Club.

*USC Karpaty Soccer Club is committed to make every effort to work with players/parents/coaches to arrive at a solution to problems. However, the main objective is to keep all players safe while playing as a team and properly and proudly representing our Club.*

I acknowledge that I understand that not adhering to the above principles could result in corrective decisions and actions including the internal review by Clubs's Executive Committee. Each player/parent/coach is to adhere to the USC Karpaty - Code of Conduct, and any conduct unbecoming a player/parent/coach will be disciplined up to the exclusion from the team/club without the refund.

I, below signed, have reviewed the above Code of Conduct with my child and will follow the principles outlined in the USC Karpaty - Code of Conduct.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of the Player

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date (dd/mm/yy)

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Signature of the Parent/Legal Guardian

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Date (dd/mm/yy)