



## PARK CITY SOCCER CLUB PARENTS' CODE OF CONDUCT



### **EXPECTATIONS and COMMITMENT:**

*(PCSC Parent must initial each item to indicate acceptance)*

\_\_\_\_\_ 1. **Parents' will respect and support the Coach's decisions by helping their player understand the concepts of player development and team play.** *A Coach may place athletes in positions that are not their preferred positions. This is done to expand the athlete's capabilities and knowledge of the game, and as well as to set the team up for competitive success. The Coach or Technical Director may also move an athlete between an age group's first and second teams and (either up or down) between the fall and spring game seasons in an effort to ensure the athlete is in the best environment possible for their individual development.*

\_\_\_\_\_ 2. **Parents are expected to help players understand and accept the Coach's decisions on playing time.** *All players are expected to cooperate with the Coach and understand that playing time is not automatic. 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 and game attendance, and how the player is performing on any given day.*

\_\_\_\_\_ 3. **Parents are expected to respect and support Park City Soccer Club Team Managers.** *Team Managers are volunteers who donate many hours weekly to the Club. Parental support and respect include valuing their time, reading thoroughly and responding in a timely manner to texts and emails, utilizing the SportsEngine platform to RSVP, and volunteering when asked. Every non-answered communication doubles or even triples their workload.*

\_\_\_\_\_ 4. **Parents are expected to support the annual PCSC training schedule, which is set to ensure optimum skill development of each player, as well as team preparation for competition.** *PCSC trains year-round, which includes during regular season Fall and Spring League play. Parents commit that they will make all reasonable efforts to ensure that players uphold their commitment to the team – including scheduling other activities and travel to avoid conflicts whenever possible. It is expected that unless they are sick, injured, or have received advance permission from the coach to attend another function, they will attend all practices and games. Failure to make practices or games may not only result in reduced or no playing time, but also has a negative impact on team camaraderie, progression, and league results; the commitment of each player impacts the success of the team.*

\_\_\_\_\_ 5. **Parents are asked to understand that game schedules are set by UYSA at the state level, with little control given to our local Club in regard to controlling the competition calendar.** *The fall season begins the third week of August and the spring season begins annually in mid-March. Each team is only permitted two reschedules per season; when families travel over in-season holidays, such as UEA or Spring break, teams may be forced to forfeit games – and lose points in the standings – due to a lack of players. Participation on a competitive team at the state level creates an expectation on families that requires personal flexibility and commitment for the team to be successful.*

\_\_\_\_\_ 6. **Parents are expected to support their team's annual tournament plan which includes participation in both local and travel tournaments, with exception of the youngest teams.** *An important part of PCSC's philosophy includes participation in tournaments appropriate to the age group and division. By accepting a position on a team, players are also committing to the tournament schedule and to payment of their portion of the team tournament fees, even if they are unable to attend. Many tournaments are on holiday weekends; Sunday play is common when traveling out of state. (The PCSC Club Tournament Policy is available in detail on the Club's website under Join PCSC.)*

\_\_\_\_\_ 7. **Parents acknowledge their financial obligation to and year-long commitment to Park City Soccer Club.** *When teams are named and rosters filled, the Club's annual budget is set with coach contracts, field fees, league schedules, insurance policies and more. As such, PCSC cannot offer a la carte pricing for families choose what they would like to pay for. Families are expected to pay in full at registration and, for those opting for a payment plan, it is expected monthly payments will be made one time. Players with payments in arrears maybe be ineligible to participate in games.*

\_\_\_\_\_ **8. Parents acknowledge that personal contact information gained through their association with the Park City Soccer Club is proprietary.** *Use of PCSC rosters, email, phone numbers, and mailing/street addresses 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.*

**PRACTICE and GAME CONDUCT:**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Practice Days:**

1. All players will be at practice, prepared with all their equipment, ready to train 5 minutes before scheduled start time.
2. Parents must plan to have their child picked up on time at the end of practice.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Game Days:**

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. Players should always bring both uniform kits in the event there is a color issue.
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. Encourage players to show good sportsmanship in victory and in defeat. Parent participation will be restricted to positive encouragement of the team's efforts. No negative comments directed toward any player (PCSC's or the opponent) or team. Parents should encourage all players on the team, not just their own, and at all costs must refrain from engaging with the opponent's players or spectators.
4. Parents will not attempt to coach or offer strategic advice to any player during the course of the game, nor disrespect or criticize the coach.
5. Criticism of the referee will not be tolerated. 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. Any infraction of this rule will result in the parent being asked to leave the field.
6. Any concern or disagreement should be taken up with the coach individually **after** a 24-hour cooling off period. In the event the conversation is not satisfactory, the parent may then reach out to the PCSC Technical Director. In the event that conversation is also not to the parent's satisfaction, they may reach out the PCSC Board President, providing the proper chain of communication has been followed.
7. The use of alcohol, smoking, drugs and profanity is strictly prohibited at all PCSC events.

**I understand that questions about Club commitments and guidelines can be further explained by Team Managers, the Club's Technical Director, or Executive Director. I recognize that the PCSC is a non-profit 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: \_\_\_\_\_

Team(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_