



## Parent Code of Conduct Agreement

Shakopee Soccer Association (SSA) membership is a privilege that carries with it certain obligations. SSA is committed to the development of our players, and parents are critical in that process. SSA is also committed to establishing and maintaining an environment that fosters sportsmanship and positivity. The below agreement lays the foundation for expectations of our parents & guardians. Any violations of this code will be subject to the disciplinary action plan detailed below. **Please read this agreement, understand the expectations, and take your commitment seriously.**

Although only one parent signature is required for each player (see player agreement on reverse side), all invited spectators will be subject to these expectations. A plea of ignorance to this policy will not be an excuse for behavior that violates this policy. The expectations highlighted below are fundamental to all youth sports.

### Act as a role model, demonstrate respect

- I understand that I am a role model for players on the field and other spectators on the sideline. I will set the example by establishing a tone of respect and sportsmanship.
- I will always respect the players, coaches, opposing sidelines, and officials. Disrespect will not be tolerated.

### Create and enforce a supportive sideline tone

- It is up to our sidelines to foster a positive youth sports environment. I will not allow others on our sideline to act in a way that will damage the reputation of the club or to detract from the experience of our players.
- I will provide supportive encouragement and will not actively coach or provide instruction from the sidelines.
- I agree that my player's participation in youth sports is about their growth and development. Parents, guardians, and other spectators are there to provide support and encouragement.

### Support my player's commitment

- Players are expected to attend all practices, games, meetings, and other required functions. Attendance and participation are essential to player development and team cohesion.
- I will commit to having my player to games and practices on time and ready to play. This includes the coach's requirements for pre-game warm-up time. I will utilize ride-sharing options with my team, as needed.
- I will notify the team manager and coach in advance of being absent or tardy.

### Respect the referees

- Referees are an essential part of the game. Verbal and physical abuse of game officials is contributing to lower referee participation rates. This puts the ability to play games at risk.
- I commit to treating all referees with respect. At a minimum, I commit to not interact with referees as a spectator of the game. Disrespect and abuse of referees will not be tolerated by SSA.
- I understand that referees will not always be correct in their calls, and I agree that this is part of all sports.

## Disciplinary Action Plan

1. Verbal warning issued by SSA Board, and requirement to watch videos detailing appropriate behavior
  2. 1-2 game suspension from the sidelines
  3. Full season suspension, permanent sideline suspension, or dismissal from SSA
- **Note:** Negative conduct involving multiple parents/spectators may require the team to select a sideline manager for the remainder of the season, to help enforce appropriate sideline behavior.

Parent Printed Name

Parent Signature

Date



## Player Code of Conduct Agreement

Shakopee Soccer Association (SSA) membership is a privilege that carries with it certain obligations. SSA is committed to establishing and maintaining an environment that fosters sportsmanship and positivity. Players are an essential part of maintaining this tone and representing the club in a positive manner.

The below agreement lays the foundation for expectations of our players. Any violations of this code will be subject to the disciplinary action plan detailed below. **Please read this agreement, understand the expectations, and take your commitment seriously.**

### Attendance and participation

- I am expected to attend all practices, games, meetings, and other required functions. Attendance and participation are essential to my individual development and to my team's development.
- I will show up to games and practices on time and ready to play. This includes my coach's requirements for pre-game warm-up time.
- I will notify my coach in advance of being absent or tardy or remind my parent to notify the manager.
- I will attend every practice and game with an open mind, a positive attitude, and a willingness to participate.

### Act as a role model, demonstrate respect

- I will always respect myself, my teammates, coaches, opponents, and referees. Disrespect will not be tolerated.
- I will always give my best effort and will only encourage my teammates to do the same. Discouragement, disrespect, profanity, and "trash talking" is not acceptable and will not be tolerated by SSA.
- I agree that positive attitudes promote a positive team dynamic, and that the opposite is also true.
- I understand that I am a role model for other players on the field. I will set the example by establishing a tone of respect and sportsmanship.

### I represent SSA

- By putting on an SSA uniform and participating in this program, I agree that I represent SSA and my community.
- I understand that we will win games and we will lose games. I commit to remain graceful and to display the highest level of sportsmanship, regardless of the result of the game.
- I understand that SSA Board members, coaches, and parents work hard to provide this program and to create a positive brand image for the club. My behavior is an important part of maintaining this image.

### Respect the referees

- Referees are an essential part of the game. Verbal and physical abuse of game officials is contributing to lower referee participation rates. This puts the ability to play games at risk.
- I commit to treating all referees with respect. Disrespect and abuse of referees will not be tolerated by SSA.
- I understand that referees will not always be correct in their calls, and I agree that this is part of all sports.

## Disciplinary Action Plan

1. Benching during practice or game, and discussion with coach about conduct expectations
2. Benching for up to 1 game, discussion with coach about expectations, and apology to team
3. Suspension from club, with length depending on severity of behavior
4. Dismissal from SSA

Player Printed Name

Player Signature

Date