



SWSC PARENTS' CODE OF CONDUCT

Adopted July 2023

I hereby pledge to provide positive support, care, and encouragement for my child participating in recreational soccer with the Somerset West Soccer Club (SWSC) by following this Parents' Code of Conduct:

- I will be a role model for my child and my child's team.
- I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, and officials at every game, practice, or other team event.
- I will place the emotional and physical well being of my child ahead of my personal desire to win.
- I will insist that my child play in a safe and healthy environment, and I will immediately remove my child from any situation that I find to be unsafe or unhealthy.
- I will support coaches and officials working with my child, in order to encourage a positive and enjoyable experience for all (no coaching from the sidelines).
- I will demand a sports environment for my child that is free from drugs, tobacco, and alcohol and will refrain from their use at all youth sports events.
- I will remember that the game is for youth - not adults.
- I will do my very best to make youth sports fun for my child.
- I will ask my child to treat other players, coaches, fans and officials with respect regardless of race, sex, creed or ability.
- I will help my child enjoy the youth sports experience by doing whatever I can to support my child, my child's team, my child's coaches, and the SWSC.
- I will be respectful of school and park property and other users of that property as well as the residents of neighborhoods adjoining those properties
- I will read the Guide to THJSL Soccer, become knowledgeable of the game, and understand the age-appropriate rules.
- I will work with my child's coach and other team parents to ensure that the coach, a parent, or other participating adult (e.g., assistant coach, team manager, or board member) is never left alone with a player, outside his or her own child, without the presence of another adult.
- I will make any non-club member I bring to SWSC games, practices, or other team activities aware of this code of conduct and assume responsibility for their behavior.
- I will not address any parent, player or coach from the other team regarding any incident or negative behavior.
- I understand that my team's coach is accountable for my behavior.

Acceptance of Club Code of Conduct (Parents)

I have read the Somerset West Soccer Club ("The Club") parent(s) code of conduct and understand that as part my acceptance of my child being offered on the team, I will follow these guidelines. Failure to abide by one or more principles of the Somerset West Soccer Club Code of Conduct may result in suspension or expulsion of coach, player and/or parent from practices, games and/or The Club. Any occurrence where a code is broken will be investigated by the board and penalties may be issued.

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____