



WCUSC Recreation Program Code of Conduct / Communication Policy

This form is embedded in the WCUSC online registration and is printed here for your review.

WCUSC Commitment

Each player will be afforded the opportunity to play at the highest level commensurate with his or her ability and commitment to the game. As a non-profit organization, the continued success of WCUSC is dependent upon the active and expected participation of parents/guardians and players. WCUSC does not discriminate according to race, gender, ethnic or religious background, and is open to players and adults who abide by the principles, rules, regulations and decisions of WCUSC.

WCUSC Expectations of Coaches, Parents & Players:

The coach is expected to behave in a manner conducive to the promotion of good sportsmanship at all times including practice, during games and at any other team or program event. Coaches are an extension of WCUSC, and recognize the importance of their role in casting a positive reflection on our club. More often than not, both players and parents tend to adopt the coach's attitude and behavior. The coach, who argues and complains incessantly, berates officials throughout games, looks down on or criticizes opponents and otherwise demonstrates a haughty attitude is likely to have players who are conditioned to show a lack of respect for the game and exhibits poor sportsmanship. WCUSC has little tolerance for such a coach, and seeks instead one who provides an environment that enriches WCUSC players and fosters a sense of good will in all areas of the game. We also look for our parents to demonstrate the same sideline conduct as our coaches, and a similar positive attitude towards all players and coaches. We also expect all of our players to always demonstrate sportsmanship to their teammates, opponents, coaches, and referees. This will foster a positive environment for all players to demonstrate ongoing sportsmanship to their teammates, opponents, coaches, and referees and to develop a love of the game.

As a COACH, my players and parents can expect the following from me:

- I understand that the health, safety, and moral education of the player are always the first priority in the athletic experience and are placed above the development of performance.





- I will treat all players with dignity and respect, directing feedback at the performance not the person.
- I will not use profanity or abusive language towards players, parents or officials.
- I will not discriminate against players based upon race, nationality, religion or sexual orientation.
- I will be a positive role model for my players in regards to health, patience, sportsmanship and personal integrity.
- I understand that the desire to win does not mean the desire to win at all costs.
- I am first and foremost a teacher and recognize that this relationship develops from mutual trust and respect.
- I will teach humility in victory and graciousness in defeat.
- I will encourage players to be personally accountable for their actions, decisions, and performances.
- I will regularly pursue continuing coaching education in order to improve my ability to teach players.

It is critical for all WCUSC players and parents to understand what is expected of them in their respective roles and as representatives of the club. The following sections describe these required expectations and responsibilities for each.

As a WCUSC PLAYER, my coaches and parents can expect the following from me:

- I will be committed to developing myself as a soccer player by attending scheduled team training, understanding that regular training is the foundation for player development, and I will notify my coaches or team manager as early as possible of any training absences.
- I understand that character is as important to success as is ability and will demonstrate the highest level of character at all times.
- I understand that striving to win, which consists of 100% physical and mental commitment to performing to the best of my ability, is more important than winning.
- I will demonstrate personal accountability by accepting responsibility for my own actions and for my own performances, on and off the field.
- I will treat my coaches, other players, officials and fans with respect regardless of race, sex, creed or abilities.
- I will not engage in any behavior that would endanger the health, safety, or well-being of a coach, parent, player, participant, league official or any other attendee.
- I will not use profanity or engage in verbal or physical threats or abuse aimed at any coach, parent, player, participant, league official or any other attendee.
- I will demonstrate good sportsmanship in my actions, before, during, and after the game, regardless of the result of the game and my own performance.





- I will always show respect for those involved in the game, including myself, whether they are players, coaches, trainers, referees, administrators, or parents, and will not ridicule or demean another player, coach, parent, referee, trainer, administrator or parent.
- I will not use alcohol or illegal drugs.
- I will respect the facilities on which I train and compete, and will leave them clean and in good condition.
- It is my responsibility to have all my equipment for practices and games, not my parents' responsibility to provide for me.
- I will take responsibility for my participation on the team, and direct my questions or concerns to my coach.

As a WCUSC PARENT, my child and his/her coach can expect the following from me:

- I will exhibit good sportsmanship at all times to members of the team, the coaches, my fellow parents, referees, our opponents, and all spectators.
- I will let the coach provide all instructions and understand that having more than one person coaching can cause confusion to the players. (Strictly no parent sideline coaching).
- I will ensure that my son/daughter comes to practices and games as scheduled on time as outlined by the coach.
- I will encourage my son/daughter to take responsibility for his/her commitment to his/her team and the club, including but not limited to encouraging my son/daughter to raise any questions or concerns he/she has directly with his/her coach.
- I will support and encourage my child and his/her teammates and coaches. I recognize that youth soccer and playing for WCUSC is first and foremost, for and about our children and their development in soccer and enjoying the sport of soccer.
- I agree to be financially responsible for all club and team payments for the seasonal recreation league.
- I will abide by the 24 hour rule: if a parent is in disagreement with a coaching decision, he/she will wait 24 hours before discussing the issue with the party involved. This rule does not apply to emergencies or direct violations of the code of conduct. Time resolves many issues, and well thought-out communication works best when dealing with these situations





WCUSC Communication Policy:

- Email policy: ALL WCUSC related emails that are sent to more than one contact must be sent 'blind carbon copy' (BCC) to all contacts. This includes all WCUSC members (parents, coaches, players, and age group commissioners).
- Any communication (verbal or written) by a club member deemed contrary or detrimental to WCUSC's mission or the best interests or goodwill of the players, volunteers, or organization/club may result in a suspension or removal of a coach/family/player from the WCUSC Recreation League.
- Parents will abide by the 24 hour rule: if a parent is in disagreement with a coaching decision, he/she/they will wait 24 hours before discussing the issue with the party involved. This rule does not apply to emergencies or direct violations of the code of conduct. Time resolves many issues, and well thought-out communication works best when dealing with these situations.
- Parents will refrain from coaching their child or other players during games and practices. Only assigned Coaches will be permitted to give instruction and guidance.
- The use of profanity, verbal and physical threats, or abuse aimed at any referee, coach, parent, player, participant, league official or any other attendee will not be tolerated and may result in a suspension or removal of a coach/family/player from the WCUSC Recreation League.
- Coach Communication: All written communication to individual youth players (i.e. those under the age of 18) from coaches or team managers must include the player's parent. Coaches/managers shall not use such communications tools such as Facebook, other social networks, Instant Messaging, etc. to communicate with his/her players that bypass the parents or legal guardians of youth players. The only approved form of messaging would be via the club/team managed teamsnap 'text alert' function for last minute schedule/emergency changes.

