



## **Sunnyvale Alliance Soccer Club Code of Conduct and Fair Play**

### **Overview**

Sunnyvale Alliance Soccer Club exists to provide soccer programs for children. All SASC coaches and Members (players, parents, and the Board of Directors) have a responsibility to make those programs fun, safe, and productive for everyone involved. This Code of Conduct and Fair Play (“Code”) sets out expectations for their behavior at club events.

### **All SASC Coaches and Members:**

- Exemplify fair play.
- Be humble in victory and gracious in defeat.
- Treat all players, coaches, referees, spectators, and opposition equally and with respect regardless of race, ethnicity, color, national origin, religion, age, sex, sexual orientation, gender expression, or ability.
- Respect referees and their decisions, even when you do not agree.
- Be positive, encouraging, and kind.
- Never use abusive, profane, humiliating, or other inappropriate language.
- Create a safe environment.
- Report any suspicious or inappropriate behavior to the club or authorities.
- Use of alcohol, drugs, tobacco, and other controlled substances is strictly prohibited.

### **SASC Coaches:**

- Lead by creating a positive, professional, and enjoyable environment for players, parents and spectators to follow.
- Know and abide by the Laws of the Game, SASC rules and policies, and any applicable field, facility, or competition rules and regulations.
- Prioritize physical and emotional well-being of players ahead of results.
- Communicate directly, honestly, and frequently with players and parents.
- Arrive on time and prepared for all games and practices, notifying the manager and players if you cannot.
- Continue to educate yourself on coaching and player development.

### **SASC Players**

- Know and abide by the spirit and Laws of the Game, and team rules.
- Arrive on time and prepared for all practices and games, informing the coach or manager in a timely manner of scheduling conflicts.
- Wear appropriate clothing and equipment to practice and games.
- Give 100% all the time, knowing that how you play is more important than the result.
- Help clean up the fields after use. They belong to all of us.

### **SASC Parents and Family**

- Learn the Laws of the Game and encourage your player to abide by them.
- Applaud good plays, refrain from coaching during the game, and never ridicule or shout

- at players, coaches, referees, or the opposition.
- Never enter the field of play without permission of the coach or referee.
  - Recognize the value and importance of coaches. Respect and trust their judgment and strategy.
  - Communicate directly, positively, and at appropriate times with the coach and managers. On matters concerning your player, wait at least 24 hours after an incident.
  - Ensure players arrive on time and are prepared for all games and practices, informing the coach or manager in a timely manner of scheduling conflicts.

### **Violations of the Code**

Any behavior by an SASC Coach or Member that fails to meet the standards of the Code may result in disciplinary action by SASC, including probation, suspension, and expulsion. SASC reserves the right, at any point, to relieve a coach of their duties or remove a player from a team whose behavior, or that of their parent, does not adhere to the Code.

### **Complaints**

Complaints or observations of incidents in violation of the Code should be documented and submitted to the appropriate SASC Board member through the process outlined in the SASC Disciplinary Policy.