

# **WEST DES MOINES SOCCER CLUB**

## **PARENT AND PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT PLEDGE**

I. **PARENTS' PLEDGE.** We/I hereby pledge to provide positive support, care and encouragement for my child's participation in the West Des Moines Soccer Club by following this Parents' Code of Conduct Pledge.

-I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches and officials at every game, practice or other youth soccer event. This shall include refraining from any and all derogatory comments or remarks, including but not limited to "coaching" my child or others from the sideline.

-I will place the emotional and physical well-being of my child ahead of any personal desire to win.

-I will insist that my child play in a safe and healthy environment.

-I will provide support for coaches and officials working with my child to provide a positive, enjoyable experience for all.

-If I do not agree with a coaching decision or a referee's decision, I will refrain from vocalizing my dissatisfaction in an effort to promote and reinforce the positive and enjoyable soccer experience envisioned by the adoption of this Code of Conduct.

-I will demand a drug and alcohol free sports environment for my child and agree to assist by refraining from their use at all youth soccer events.

-I will remember that the game is for children and not for adults.

-I will do my very best to make youth soccer fun for my child.

-I will ask my child to treat other players, coaches, fans and officials with respect, good manner and common decency regardless of race, sex, creed, color or ability.

-If a coach, official or Club representative calls to my attention that my child is not treating coaches, fans, and officials with respect, I will counsel my child on his/her need to do so and explain that failure to correct such an attitude may result in an expulsion from the Club.

-I will promise to help my child enjoy the youth soccer experience by assisting with coaching, being a respectful fan, volunteering to assist the Club when needed, and providing ground transportation when available to do so.

-If I fail to abide by the above pledges, I recognize that I may be barred from attending youth soccer events sponsored by the Club, in the sole discretion of the West Des Moines Soccer Club Board of Directors.

II. **PLAYER'S PLEDGE.** I hereby pledge to provide a positive attitude and be responsible for my participation in youth soccer by following the Player's Code of Conduct Pledge.

-I will attend every practice and game that it is reasonably possible for me to attend and will timely notify my coach if I cannot.

-As a recreational player, I will expect to receive a fair amount of playing time, in accordance with the policies of the Greater Des Moines Soccer League.

-As a competitive player, I realize that I may not receive an equal amount of playing time and pledge not to complain to my coach about this.

-I will do my best to listen and learn from my coaches.

-I will treat my coaches, fellow soccer players, fans and officials with respect, good manners and common decency regardless of race, sex, creed, color or ability and I expect to be treated in the same fashion.

-I deserve to have fun during my soccer experience and will let my parents and coaches know if it stops being fun.

-I pledge to and deserve to play in an alcohol, tobacco and drug free environment.

-I will encourage my parents/guardians to be involved with my team and the Club in some capacity because it is important to me and to the Club.

-I will do my very best in school.

-I will remember that youth soccer is an opportunity to learn and have fun.

-I will strive to treat others as I wish to be treated by others.

-I will obey the laws of the sport of soccer as taught me by coaches.

THIS CODE OF CONDUCT WAS ADOPTED AS A RULE AND REGULATION OF THE WEST DES MOINES SOCCER CLUB AT THE FEBRUARY 15, 2001 MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. PURSUANT TO ARTICLE III, SECTION 14, OF THE AMENDED AND RESTATED BYLAWS OF THE WEST DES MOINES SOCCER CLUB, MEMBERS THAT VIOLATE THIS CODE OF CONDUCT MAY BE SUBJECT TO DISCIPLINARY ACTION AT THE BOARD'S DISCRETION THAT MAY INCLUDE A VERBAL WARNING, WRITTEN WARNING, SUSPENSION OF MEMBERSHIP IN THE CLUB FOR A PERIOD OF TIME OR PERMANENT REVOCATION OF CLUB MEMBERSHIP.