



SARNIA FC



Codes of Conduct for Players, Parents and Coaches

Introduction

Sarnia FC provides children and adults the opportunity to develop superior life skills through team play, sportsmanship, top competition, and hard work through the game of soccer.

These Codes of Conduct are a covenant between players, parents, and coaches to abide by the rules of the game, as well as to maintain a cooperative attitude and uphold the ideals of fair play and sportsmanship. These Codes express our core values and goals. It is essential they be honored and followed.

The Codes of Conduct can be summarized in the following three principles: (1) Demonstrating a positive attitude; (2) Setting a good example; and (3) Maintaining good relationships with officials, opponents, and our own teams' players, parents, coaches and volunteers.

Players, parents, and coaches are expected to show a positive, respectful attitude for everyone involved in the sport. Criticism and disrespect for officials, opponents, coaches or fans undermine the purpose of sport and encourage behavior contrary to the spirit of the game and Ontario Soccer values.

Each person associated with Sarnia FC is accountable for his/her own behavior at all times on or off the field of play. Parents, coaches and other adults should remember that children learn by example - it is up to the adults to set good examples.

Sarnia FC will not tolerate conduct that is detrimental to the sport, the participants, or the community. Such conduct includes:

- Harassment and bullying by coaches, players or parents/family members
- Belittling of referees, coaches or players;
- Verbal abuse, threats or physical violence toward anyone before, during or after a game
- Taunting of opposing players, coaches and parents.

Sarnia FC require thorough self-restraint by all participants (Coaches, Parents and players). Those who do not adhere to the Code of Conduct subject themselves to disciplinary action that may include suspensions or dismissal from the club.

I have read, understand and hereby agree to abide by and support this Code of Conduct. I understand that if I blatantly disregard this code of conduct I can be referred to the Board of Directors for punishment which includes dismissal from the Club.



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Player's Code

1. I will participate because I want to, not just because my parents or coaches want me to.
2. I will play by the rules, and in the spirit of the game.
3. I will control my behaviour – **joking around and distracting** others can spoil the activity for everybody. I understand that I can be removed from a training session if my poor behaviour continues. I also understand that if this becomes an ongoing problem, I may be removed from the team.
4. I will **respect** my coaches, teammates, referees and opponents.
5. I will do my best to be a true team player.
6. I will remember that winning isn't everything - that having fun, improving skills, making friends and doing my best are more important.
7. I will acknowledge all good plays/performances - those of my team and of my opponents.
8. I will remember that coaches and officials are there to help me. I will accept their decisions and show them **respect**.
9. I will not discriminate on grounds of race and gender or not take part in any **bullying** activities.
10. I will shake hands after every game, be gracious in victory, as well in defeat.
11. I will be **on time** with all of the proper gear required for training and games. I realize that my playing time maybe reduced for showing up late or being absent from team training.
12. I will do my best to pay attention and listen to the coaches instructions on the field and off the field and ask questions when I need help.
13. I will report all injuries or changes to my health immediately to the coaching staff.
14. I realize that **failure to abide by the Player Code of Conduct** may result in further sanctions by the Sarnia FC Club, team coaches and/or league, including my removal from this team without any refund.

Acknowledgement

I have read, understand and hereby agree to abide by and support this Code of Conduct. I understand that if I blatantly disregard this code of conduct I can be referred to the Board of Directors for punishment which includes dismissal from the Club.

Player's Name: _____

Player's Signature: _____ Today's Date: _____

Parent's Signature: _____



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Parent's Code

As a parent, you play a special role in the development of your son, and of his teammates. Your encouragement and good example will do more to ensure good sportsmanship and self-discipline than any other influence. Players, coaches, referees should be treated with respect.

1. I will not force my child to participate in soccer, but encourage them to be a great team player.
2. I will remember that my child plays sport for his or her enjoyment, not for mine.
3. I will teach my child that doing one's best is more important than winning, so that my child will never feel defeated by the outcome of a game/event.
4. I will make my child feel like a winner every time by offering praise for competing fairly and trying hard.
5. I will never ridicule or yell at my child for making a mistake or losing a competition.
6. I will remember that children learn best by example. I will applaud good plays/performances by both my child's team and their opponents.
7. I will support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from children's sporting activities.
8. I will respect and show appreciation for the volunteer coaches and conveners who give their time to provide sport activities for my child.
9. I will respect the all players, coaches, referees and parents.
10. I will not coach my child from the sidelines; just support them positively from the sidelines.
11. I will not discriminate on grounds of race, gender, or sexuality or take part in any forms of bullying.
12. I will aid in my child's preparation for games and training by supporting them to have all the required equipment. I will advise the coach of any temporary or ongoing health concerns that affect my child and I will take personal responsibility to ensure that any required medication or medical devices are readily available to attend to my child's health needs in the event of an emergency situation during soccer activities.
13. I will strive to have my child on time for all soccer related activities, for both drop off and pickup or arrange alternative transportation.
14. If I am upset by something, I will wait 24 hours before discussing the issue with the team head coach and will do so in a private and constructive manner.
15. I realize that failure to abide by the Code of Conduct may result in my removal, and potentially my child, from the vicinity of the playing field and potentially further sanctions by the Club, coaches and league, including request of the parent not to attend team events and / or removal of my child from the team without any refund.

Acknowledgement

I/We have read, understand and hereby agree to abide by and support this Parent's Code of Conduct. I/we understand that failure to abide by this code of conduct can cause me/us to be referred to the Board of Directors for possible disciplinary action which could include dismissal of our child from the Club.

Player's Name: _____

Parent's Signature: _____ Today's Date: _____

Parent's Signature: _____



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Coach's Code

1. I will be reasonable when scheduling games and practices remembering that young players have other interest and obligations.
2. I will teach my players to play fairly and to respect the rules, officials and their teammates and opponents.
3. I will ensure that all players get proper instruction, support and opportunity to learn.
4. I will not ridicule or yell at my players for making mistakes or for performing poorly. I will remember that children play to have fun and must be encouraged to have confidence in themselves. I will not participate in any bullying activity towards players, parents or referees.
5. I will make sure that equipment and facilities are safe and match the players' ages and abilities.
6. I will remember that children need a coach they can respect and is a good role model. I will be generous with praise and try to increase their passion and commitment for the game.
7. I will obtain proper training and continue to upgrade my coaching skills.
8. I will not discriminate on grounds of race, gender, and sexuality.
9. I will make all decisions in the **best interest of the team** and its players.
10. I will provide leadership, offer a fun environment and provide proper guidance to all players.
11. I will be very approachable and open to address all player / parent questions, concerns and feedback.
12. I follow the advice of a physician when determining when an injured player is ready to play again. During a game, and in an absence of medical advice, coaches should err on the side of caution in permitting an injured player to return to play.

Coach's Name: _____

Coach's Signature: _____ Today's Date: _____