

Player Code of Conduct

Participation in <u>Indiana Fire Juniors</u> (the "<u>Club</u>") is a privilege. Participants must exhibit the necessary professionalism and maturity to be successful in this pursuit. The following Player Code of Conduct shall apply in all Club Events (as defined below).

As a participant on a Club Team, I agree to abide by the following Player Code of Conduct (this "Code of Conduct"):

- 1. I will conduct myself, at all times, in an appropriate, professional and sportsmanlike manner, and will treat all teammates, competitors, officials, coaches, staff members and others involved in the Club and/or Club Events with courtesy and respect. As used herein, "Club Events" means any and all activities or events associated with the Club and/or a Club Team, or related to or occurring as a result of the Club and/or a Club Team, including, but not limited to, any training sessions, practices, scrimmages, matches, meetings, team meals, travel, lodging and/or charity events at facilities of the Club or at any other location.
- 2. I will take no action (or omit to take any action) that causes (or may cause) public embarrassment for myself, the Club, the Indiana Fire Juniors Soccer Club or Major League Soccer, or any of their respective affiliates, or that brings (or may bring) myself, the Club, the Indiana Fire Juniors Soccer Club or Major League Soccer, or any of their respective affiliates, into disrepute in the community.
- I will respectfully follow the instructions and requests of coaches, staff members and other adults associated with the Club without hesitation or resistance.
- 4. I will follow all applicable local, state, federal and international laws while participating in Club Events.
- 5. I will abide by all applicable event, facility and tournament rules and will act in a manner that is respectful of the event that I am attending and its facilities. I will show respect for all event facilities by picking up after myself and disposing of trash as directed by the event or Club coaches and/or staff members.
- 6. I understand that my appearance is a direct reflection of my team and the Club. Accordingly, for all Club Events, I will dress appropriately and in the manner required by Club coaches and/or staff members.
- 7. I will, at all times, use language that is appropriate. I will not use obscene language, gestures or curse words. I will not use slurs, phrases or gestures which denigrate ridicule or mock a person or persons based upon their race, gender, sexual orientation, economic status, nationality, country of origin or political affiliation. I will not bully or haze any teammate or other person involved with the Club and/or Club Events, and I will immediately report any bullying or hazing by myself or others to Club coaches and/or staff members.
- 8. I will not steal, harm or damage the property of others (soccer/training facility, hotel, lodging or mode of transportation, etc.) during any Club Event. I understand and accept that if I damage any property of others during any Club Event, I will be responsible for paying for any and all damages and repair costs that result from such damage.
- 9. I will not intentionally injure or harm another teammate, referee, player, coach or staff member ("person") during any Club Event. I understand and accept that if I intentionally injure any person as set forth above, I will be responsible for paying for any and all medical costs and other damages that result from such injury.
- 10. I will not, under any circumstances, possess or use any alcohol, tobacco or illegal drugs, at any time, during Club Events. I will avoid situations where alcohol or tobacco use by minors and/or illegal drugs are present. If I am at a Club Event where alcohol or tobacco use by minors and/or illegal drugs are present, I will immediately notify Club coaches and staff members and leave the area if safe to do so.
- 11. I understand and accept that if I am dismissed from the Club or a Club Event while traveling, I may be sent home immediately at my expense (or the expense of my parent(s)/guardian(s)) by whatever means is most convenient for the Club coaches and/or staff members.

I understand that violating this Code of Conduct in any respect, implied or otherwise, may or will result in consequences, including, but not limited to, game time restrictions, game suspensions, hotel room restrictions, loss of personal privileges, imposition of monetary fines, and suspension and expulsion from the Club (and being sent home at the expense of my parent(s) and/or legal guardian(s), if I am suspended or expelled from the program while away from home). All punishment and penalties will be determined in the sole discretion of the Club coaches and are final and non-appealable. The Club reserves the right to amend, modify or otherwise supplement this Code of Conduct from time to time in the Club's sole discretion.