



KNOX UNITED SOCCER CLUB CODE OF CONDUCT

As per conditions of membership, all players and parents have agreed to abide by the rules of the Club's Constitution and FFV's Fair Play in Sport Policy.

The code of conduct reflects the highest standards of public behaviour and the expectations of the club administration. The club is under no obligation to accept applicants as members, and past behaviour may be taken into account when an application for membership is received.

The code of conduct is not designed to suppress passion or commitment for the club or the team is in place to ensure that club participants understand that there is a line which divides passion and offensive behaviour.

Any non compliance or breach of the code of conduct will be referred to the Executive Committee of the Knox United Soccer Club for further action. Action may include explanation of the club's code of conduct, including identification of the section of the code of conduct not being complied with. Continued non compliance will result in action which may include temporary or permanent expulsion from Knox United Soccer Club games and functions.

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PLAYERS CODE OF CONDUCT

The following standards are established by the Knox United Soccer Club and govern the behavior of all KUSC players before, during and after soccer club matches:

- Obey all the rules of the game and play in the spirit of the game
- Never address remarks at opposing coaches, players, referees and spectators (except for genuine friendship, respect or in response to a question by a referee).
- Never retaliate when fouled.
- Avoid comments or gestures that express disagreement with the official's call.
- Displays of temper will not be tolerated on the field or in playing area.
- Convey a consistently positive attitude toward your teammates and coaches. Your true strength of character will be displayed on the field.
- Play for fun and enjoyment. Football is called the "Beautiful Game" for a reason - enjoy it
- Accept defeat with dignity. Good losers earn more respect than bad winners.

Knox United Soccer Club will deal with any violence and/or repeated demonstrations of conduct that are in direct violation of the rules of the game and result in a disqualification from any contest, as follows:

<u>1st disqualification:</u>	1 game suspension.
<u>*2nd disqualification:</u>	3 game suspension plus judiciary committee hearing
<u>*3rd disqualification:</u>	Remainder of season suspension plus judiciary hearing to determine future eligibility with KUSC.

** This applies ONLY to Red Cards, or actions off the field deemed sufficiently below acceptable standard as determined by any KUSC Committee member. These "occurrences" will be reviewed by the Executive Committee to determine if any punishment and/or fine is to be applied to the player(s) involved.*



FFV Fair Play in Sport

Players Code of Behaviour

- Play by the rules
- Never argue with an official. If you disagree, have your captain, coach or manager approach the official during a break or after the competition.
- Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials and sledging other players, deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent are not acceptable or permitted behaviours in any sport.
- Work equally hard for yourself and/or your team. Your team's performance will benefit, so will you.
- Be a good sport. Applaud all good plays whether they are made by your team or the opposition.
- Treat all participants in your sport as you like to be treated. Do not bully or take unfair advantage of another competitor.
- Cooperate with your coach, teammates and opponents. Without them there would be no competition.
- Participate for your own enjoyment and benefit, not just to please parents and coaches.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

Parents Code of Behaviour

- Remember that children participate in sport for their enjoyment, not yours.
- Encourage children to participate, do not force them.
- Focus on the child's efforts and performance rather than winning or losing.
- Encourage children always to play according to the rules and to settle disagreements without resorting to hostility or violence.
- Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a competition.
- Remember that children learn best by example. Appreciate good performances and skilful plays by all participants.
- Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities.
- Respect officials' decisions and teach children to do likewise.
- Show appreciation for volunteer coaches, officials and administrators.
Without them, your child could not participate.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

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Coaches Code of Behaviour

- Remember that young people participate for pleasure and winning are only part of the fun.
- Never ridicule a young player for making a mistake or not coming first.
- Be reasonable in your demands on players' time, energy and enthusiasm.
- Operate within the rules and spirit of your sport and teach your players to do the same.
- Ensure that the time players spend with you is a positive experience. All young people are deserving of equal attention and opportunities.
- Avoid overplaying the talented players; the just average need and deserve equal time.
- Ensure that equipment and facilities meet safety standards and are appropriate to the age and ability of all players.
- Display control, respect and professionalism to all involved with the sport. This includes opponents, coaches, officials, administrators, the media, parents and spectators. Encourage your players to do the same.
- Show concern and caution toward sick and injured players. Follow the advice of a physician when determining whether an injured player is ready to recommence training or competition.
- Obtain appropriate qualifications and keep up to date with the latest coaching practices and the principles of growth and development of young people.
- Any physical contact with a young person should be appropriate to the situation and necessary for the player's skill development.
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Administrators Code of Behaviour

- Involve young people in planning, leadership, evaluation and decision making related to the activity.
- Give all young people equal opportunities to participate.
- Create pathways for young people to participate in sport not just as a player but as a coach, referee, administrator etc.
- Ensure that rules, equipment, length of games and training schedules are modified to suit the age, ability and maturity level of young players.
- Provide quality supervision and instruction for junior players.
- Remember that young people participate for their enjoyment and benefit. Do not overemphasise awards.
- Help coaches and officials highlight appropriate behaviour and skill development, and help improve the standards of coaching and officiating.
- Ensure that everyone involved in junior sport emphasises fair play, and not winning at all costs.
- Give a code of behaviour sheet to spectators, officials, parents, coaches, players and the media, and encourage them to follow it.
- Remember, you set an example. Your behaviour and comments should be positive and supportive.
- Support implementation of the National Junior Sport Policy.
- Make it clear that abusing young people in any way is unacceptable and will result in disciplinary action.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

Spectators Code of Behaviour

- Remember that young people participate in sport for their enjoyment and benefit, not yours.
- Applaud good performance and efforts from all individuals and teams. Congratulate all participants on their performance regardless of the game's outcome.
- Respect the decisions of officials and teach young people to do the same.
- Never ridicule or scold a young player for making a mistake. Positive comments are motivational
- Condemn the use of violence in any form, whether it is by spectators, coaches, officials or players.
- Show respect for your team's opponents. Without them there would be no game.
- Encourage players to follow the rules and the officials' decisions.
- Do not use foul language, sledge or harass players, coaches or officials.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.