

UNIS Saturday Soccer Code of Conduct

Coach, Parent and Participants Information

The basic elements of character building and ethics in sports are embodied in the concepts of sportsmanship, trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, and caring. We ask that you read this information with your child. We need you and your child to know about health and safety, behavior, and disciplinary procedures and to make an agreement about these things.

You and your child must sign this form and return it to your coaches next week. All participants must sign this code of conduct in order to continue participation in our program.

Health and Safety

Safety is very important. The School Nurse is on duty from 8 am to 1 pm in her office near the Elementary School Office. The Communications and Nurse Offices keep a list of emergency contact numbers for parents, which is also given to the coaches. In the case of any illness or injury your child will be taken to the Nurse Office. Report all injuries and special medical conditions (such as asthma) to the coaches and Saturday Soccer.

Coaches and staff code of conduct and responsibilities:

- All players will be shown their coaches and the field they will play on.
- Attendance records will be taken at the start of each session.
- Respect all participants regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
- Believe that helpers and players are attempting to do their best.
- Understand that my attitude can influence the players and spectators.
- Children should be trained in their appropriate grades and skill level.
- Children of all abilities can learn from one another.
- Children should NOT be separated into groups based on their ability or performance.
- Applaud all good plays.
- Use constructive and positive comments and gestures as general practice for teaching.
- Focus on the child's efforts and performance rather than winning or losing.
- Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a game.
- Enforce the mandatory use of shinpads (only for grade 1 and above), proper shoes and sun protection.
- Remembering that children's sports are supposed to be fun- for the *children*.

Players Code of Conduct and Responsibilities:

- Play by the rules.
- Shin pads and football boots are compulsory (we can advise where to purchase for new families to Hanoi/soccer).
- Never argue with a helper, referee or another player. If I disagree I will speak with my coach.
- Control my temper and maintain control of my emotions. I will avoid negative comments and/or gestures.

- Be a good sport; applaud all good plays whether they are made by my team or the opposition.
- Treat all participants in soccer as I like to be treated. I will not take unfair advantage of another player.
- Cooperate with my coach, teammates and opponents.
- Participate for my own enjoyment and benefit, not just to please my parents and/or the coaches.
- Respect all participants regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
- Believe that coaches, helpers and players are attempting to do their best.
- Understand that my attitude can influence the players, coaches and spectators.
- Practices are just as important as games and my attendance helps my team.
- Play only in the fields that your group is playing in, don't muck around at the side of the fields or play with another group.
- Have respect for coaches, helpers and staff.

Parents Code of Conduct and Responsibilities

- Parents as partners - which to us means having a mutually respectful and responsive relationship in which goals are shared and the assumption of goodwill exists.
- We welcome the support and help from parents and want to encourage their involvement.
- Remember that children participate in sport for their enjoyment, not mine.
- 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 game.
- Appreciate good performances and skillful plays by all participants.
- Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse
- Respect the decisions of coaches and helpers and teach children to do likewise.
- Learn the rules of the game and the policies.
- Show appreciation for coaches, volunteers and helpers.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of everyone regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
- Be kind to the coaches and helpers. The coaches and helpers are volunteers --giving their personal time to provide a recreational activity for your child. They are providing a valuable community service, often without reward other than their personal satisfaction.
- Believe that coaches, helpers, and players are attempting to do their best.
- Understand that my attitude can influence the players, coaches and spectators.
- Understand that practices are as important as games.
- Send my child ready to play. My child will be dressed appropriately (shinpads, shoes, and sun protection) and will arrive on time.
- Remembering that children's sports are supposed to be fun- for the *children*.

Behavior Policy

The Soccer program is designed for all to have fun and to learn skills. Having respect for each other is therefore essential. We have developed procedures for dealing with negative behaviors. These procedures and guidelines are age appropriate. Please familiarize yourself with this policy and help us enforce it when necessary.

Little Dragons

1st and 2nd offense - parents will be asked to remove child for 5 minutes.

3rd offense – parents will be asked to remove child from rest of training.

Grades 1, 2 & 3

1st and 2nd offense – 5 minutes time out.

3rd offense – sit out the rest of training and note to parents.

Grades 4, 5 6, 7, 8, 9 & 10 and Girls

1st and 2nd offense - verbal warning by coach.

3rd offense - sit out rest of training and note to parents.

Persistent unacceptable behavior will result in suspension from the rest of the session.

Acknowledgement and Agreement- verbally within our family

We have read and understand the Saturday Soccer Program Code of Conduct. We agree to abide by this code of conduct and practice good sportsmanship throughout the season. We pledge to help enforce this conduct as written to better the soccer experience for all.

As coaches, parents, and players it will be our responsibility to hold everyone accountable for the Saturday Soccer Program Code of Conduct.