



# WHITE HOUSE SOCCER CLUB

## PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT

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### 1) Parents Role for WHSC Players:

- a. The parent's role is one of support to the players, coaches and club. Parents should not engage in "coaching" from the sidelines, criticize players, coaches or game officials or try to influence the makeup of the team at any time. Parents are expected to set the example by exemplifying the highest standards of sportsmanship. Parents participate in a game by watching, cheering and supporting the efforts of ALL participants.
- b. Parents are not permitted to approach the coach about playing time or on-field issues directly after the completion of any game. Parents are permitted to contact the coach 24 hours after the last game to discuss their child's playing time or other issues. If the matter cannot be resolved between the coach and the parent, then the DOC can be brought in to help resolve any concerns or issues.
- c. Parents shall stay current on all financial obligations to WHSC and the team.
- d. WHSC select club program is a full year commitment, (fall and spring seasons) with summer and winter events as optional. (3v3 or indoor)
- e. When communicating with the coach, parents shall avoid "reply all" email chains with concerns and shall call the coach or WHSC directly to discuss such concerns.

### 2) Behavior during Competitions:

- a. At no time should a parent approach the coach during a game. All parents should stay on the opposite side of the field across from their team bench at all times. No parent should come onto the field for any reason during the game.
- b. Players have more need for good examples than for criticism. Attempt to relieve the pressure of the competitions, not increase it.
- c. Applaud good plays by your team and by members of the opposing team.
- d. Do not openly question an official's judgments or honesty. Officials are symbols of fair play, integrity and sportsmanship. Officials are not to be approached or confronted during or after the game. Any harassment or dissent towards officials will result in an immediate suspension from all WHSC activities for the offender, as well as to any disciplinary actions levied on them from TSSA.
- e. Any negative actions directed at the opposing players, coaches or team families is not acceptable and will also result in disciplinary actions from the club or state. We will vigorously pursue any disciplinary actions against teams who exhibit any kind of this behavior towards any of our own teams.
- f. Accept the results of each game. Encourage your child to be gracious in victory, and to see defeat as a learning experience by working towards improvement.

- The game is for the players not the adults and their participation and enjoyment is the most important element
- Understand that soccer is a player's game and always will be. Unlike many sports, soccer is a free-flowing game where the ball and the situation changes frequently.

3) General Expectations for WHSC Parents

- a. Encourage your players to always play by the rules.
- b. Parents are expected to have their child on time for training and games.
- c. They are expected to notify the coach or team representative in each instance in which a player is unable to attend a scheduled team activity or arrive on time.
- d. Treat coaches, other players and game officials, administrators and opposing fans with respect at all times; regardless of race, sex, creed, or ability.
- e. Allow the coach to be the only coach. You might be telling your child to do the exact opposite of what the coach has told him or her to do, and this will only frustrate the player and can have a negative effect on their performance.
- f. Refrain from any activity or conduct that may be detrimental or reflect adversely upon WHSC or its members or programs.
- g. The use of alcohol, tobacco, or drugs on or near the playing or practice field is strictly prohibited by the City of White House Parks and Recreation Department

4) Violations of this Code of Conduct:

- a. Any violations reported to the team admins or WHSC staff will result in a disciplinary hearing including the offending party (player, coach, parent) and members of the WHYS BOD
- b. Once the hearing is concluded the BOD must hand out a decision on any disciplinary actions within 48 hours.
- c. These actions may include but not limited to, suspension from games, suspension from all soccer activity, fines, and/or complete removal from the club.
- d. Once the disciplinary actions have been announced, they have 24 hours to ask for an appeal. An appeal will be heard by members of BOD and selected team administrators. Once the appeal is heard all decisions are final.
- e. Not following the results of the disciplinary action will result in a full suspension for 1 full year.
- f. If determined necessary, the incident and results will be reported to the Tennessee State Soccer Association for further review and possible additional action.
- g. If the situation warrants an immediate response, the BOD reserves the right to act quickly on any matters that are determined to need an immediate reaction without a hearing.

PARENT SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_