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The Cordage SC Code of Conduct can be summarized in the following three principles:

1. HAVE A POSITIVE ATTITUDE
2. SET A GOOD EXAMPLE
3. MAINTAIN GOOD RELATIONSHIPS

Guidelines to Protect the Official(s)

Parents and Players are prohibited from directly communicating with referees. A parent or player may direct questions to their team's Coach during half time or when the game has concluded.

Coaches may question a referee's call during a game **ONLY** if the Coach did not hear the call. If the Coach has further questions regarding a call(s), they may approach the referee during a break in the game or after the game is over.

Coaches should inform an appropriate Cordage SC Director or Senior Coach on Scene (SCOS) regarding blatant officiating problems. The Director or SCOS should inform the League/Event Director as soon as possible.

In accordance with FIFA laws, verbal abuse towards a referee can result in a red card and ejection of the player, coach or parent. Referees have the authority to suspend play if a coach does not control players and parents/supporters.

PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT

IT IS A PRIVILEGE TO BE A PART OF CORDAGE SC AND AS A PARTICIPANT I WILL:

1. Play the game by the rules. Respect the rules.
2. Display good sportsmanship, win or lose.
3. Give my best effort at all times, on and off the field.
4. Show respect towards all coaches.
5. Show respect towards the referee, *even if* I may sometimes disagree with his/her calls.
6. Conduct myself with honor and dignity and treat other players as I would like to be treated.
7. Maintain the highest level of sportsmanship towards opponents including, their coaches, fans, and supporters.

PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT

1. **SUPPORT YOUR CHILD**

Support your child by giving encouragement and showing interest in his/her team. Help your child work towards improving skills and displaying good sportsmanship in every game.

2. **DON'T BE A SIDELINE COACH OR REFEREE**

Refrain from coaching or refereeing from the sidelines. While you may want your child to perform a specific task or score a goal during a game, coaches might be looking for your child to meet certain milestones or achieve a challenge/goal set for that game. Allow the coach to

coach the game and the referee to ref the game. NEVER STEP ONTO THE PITCH while a game is underway!

3. DEMONSTRATE A POSITIVE ATTITUDE TOWARDS THE OPPONENT

Opponents are not enemies. Don't allow yourself to be drawn into a verbal disagreement or confrontation with opposing parents or coaches. Refrain from yelling out to the official(s). Maintain the highest level of sportsmanship towards opponents including, their coaches, fans, and supporters.

4. REMEMBER - YOUR CHILD WANTS TO HAVE FUN

VIOLATIONS OF THE CODE OF CONDUCT may result in:

Primary Disciplinary Actions:

- A verbal warning (not documented)
- A verbal warning (documented)
- A written warning (documented)

Secondary Disciplinary Actions:

- A member (player/parent/coach/volunteer etc.) is suspended and/or removed from a game/tournament/practice by an official or coach for a minimum of 1 game.
- The release of (to suspend indefinitely) a member or family member from Cordage Soccer Club if the action/behavior of misconduct is deemed severe and/or meets the **ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY** criteria.
- Such action/behavior will be reviewed and any disciplinary action(s) will be voted on by the Board of Directors prior to the suspension and/or release of any member.

ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY

There is a **mandatory minimum** of a **1 game suspension** if an individual(s) is suspected of or found guilty of any of the following:

- Discrimination in ANY capacity (race, sex, ability etc)
- Possession of illegal substance/material/weapon
- Intentional damage of property
- Physical or verbal assault
- Hazing or bullying (in any capacity)
- School Suspension
- Arrests

***** NOTE: Cordage SC reserves the right to suspend any member (player/parent/coach/volunteer etc) indefinitely.**

***** By signing below, I have read and agree to follow the Cordage SC Code of Conduct and I understand that disciplinary action may be warranted if I am found in violation.**

Player Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date