



SPUYSC CODE OF CONDUCT

The purpose and intent of the San Pablo United Youth Soccer Club (SPUYSC) are to promote the advancement of youth soccer in our area, to encourage the development of player skills and abilities, promote programs that teach individual and team skills, and support the growth of trained coaches and referees. The goal and value of player participation are to have fun while playing soccer and to develop self-esteem and confidence through skill development while promoting a sense of fair play and good sportsmanship.

The key element of the SPUYSC experience is developing individual and team skills in all players in a fun, family environment that builds character, competence, and confidence. SPUYSC Mission Statement: Changing our community one kick at a time, engaging parents to volunteer, and participating in their children's growth by blending education with soccer to form future members of a respectable productive society with humility, pride, and purpose. In order to uphold SPUYSC's mission statement and promote a high level of community spirit, SPUYSC adopts the following Code of Conduct, for all players, parents/guardians, and coaches/volunteers.

Players

All players on a SPUYSC roster will follow the rules below,

- I will treat my coaches, my teammates, other players, referees, and spectators with respect always; Regardless of race, sex, creed, or abilities, and I will expect to be treated accordingly as well.
- I will be a positive role model and encourage good sportsmanship from fellow players, coaches, and parents always.
 - I will never use abusive or insulting language. I will treat everyone with dignity.
- I will at all times control my temper, resisting the temptation of retaliation.
- I will always exercise self-control.
 - I will not engage in violent behavior, foul language, racial slurs, or offensive gestures.
- I will not bully or haze any teammate or other person involved with the club.
 - I will report any bullying or hazing to the coaches or staff members.
- While sitting on the bench during a game, I will watch the game and support my teammates who are in the game. I will provide only positive comments to the players on the field.
- I will clean up after myself and leave the field in the condition it was in before and after practices and games.
- I understand that coaches are there to coach and not to improve my behavior. If I am found to be behaving badly, my coach is permitted to remove me from the game/event. The responsibility for my behavior outside of the team-sanctioned events is not that of the team staff but is the responsibility myself, and of my family/guardian.
- I will notify the Director of Coaching if a member of another Club's coaching staff, or other Club representative approaches me for purposes of recruitment.
- I will participate exclusively with SPUYSC for the entire soccer year and not participate in any non-sanctioned training session or soccer event for the duration of this agreement without the written approval of the Director of Coaching.

Parents/Guardians

Parents are an important part of a player's soccer development and a team's success. Parents are an integral part of the SPUYSC community. As such, parents' behavior on the sideline and support of their child is of the utmost importance. Towards that end, this contract outlines what is expected of parents in order to create a positive environment for all players. You are accepting the parent contract by allowing **your player to accept a spot on a SPUYSC roster.**

- Parents/Guardians MUST display appropriate behavior on the sidelines at all times.
 - Encourage players with cheers and positive comments only, and demonstrate good sportsmanship.
- Do not come onto the field for any reason during the game.
- NEVER speak to the referee, opposing coach, or opposing players.
 - No arguing with the referees, opposing team's parents, players, or coaches.
- Only speak to opposing parents in a complimentary fashion, or if you know them personally.
 - Do not speak negatively about players on the opposing team while on the sideline. You have no idea who is overhearing you, or who may be friends or relatives of that player's family.
 - No matter their behavior, how the other team or coach acts, you be the better and more mature person!
- REMEMBER, THEY ARE KIDS! The game is for the players, not for the adults.
- Support the coaches, especially regarding lineup choices and discipline.
 - Focus on effort and development - not on winning.
- Parents/Guardians shall not possess, consume, or distribute before, during, or after any game or at any other time at the field and/or game complex alcohol, tobacco, illegal drugs, or unauthorized prescription drugs.
- You are solely responsible to ensure that all family members and guests you bring to games are aware of the codes of conduct.
- Failure to comply with the above requirements may lead to you being suspended from games and practices. Any league fines incurred by the club due to your actions will be your financial responsibility.
- All fees are non-refundable once a player accepts a spot on the team roster. Payment of the club registration fee implies consent, and we rely on this information to form teams and any reversal negatively impacts this process.

Coaches/Volunteers

All SPUYSC coaches/volunteers shall,

- Provide a positive role model for their players and parents, by consistently acting in a positive, controlled, and mature manner expected of a SPUYSC coach/volunteer.
- Demonstrate good sportsmanship and maintain a proper perspective on the purpose of SPUYSC, namely, participation is for the enjoyment and benefit of the players, not the adults!
 - Never place the value of winning before the safety and welfare of all players.
- Maintain the safety and well-being of their players.
 - Provide a positive, enjoyable, atmosphere for the players and parents.
 - Discipline players in a fair and consistent manner.
- Encourage players, parents, and volunteers to clean up after themselves and leave the field in the condition it was in before and after practices and games.
- Explain to and remind parents what is expected of them and their children.
- Refrain from open arguments with referees and other coaches.
- Profanity, profane gestures, arguing, inciting disruptive behavior by spectators and/or players, or any conduct not in the spirit of good sportsmanship, shall require disciplinary action from the club.
 - Refrain from making negative comments about other coaches, players, parents, and referees.
 - Refrain from using abusive or insulting language.
- Coaches shall not possess, consume, or distribute before, during, or after any game or at any other time at the field and/or game complex alcohol, tobacco, illegal drugs, or unauthorized prescription drugs.
- Refrain from any activity or conduct that may be detrimental or reflect adversely upon SPUYSC, its members, or its programs.

All participants of SPUYSC shall always abide by the club's Code of Conduct. Inappropriate behavior that is determined to violate this Code of Conduct shall result in disciplinary action by the SPUYSC President, up to and including, without limitation, expulsion from the game/field, and expulsion from SPUYSC.

If for any reason the Code of Conduct is not followed by the player, parents, or coaches/volunteers, any of the following steps may be taken by the President of SPUYSC:

- Communication with SPUYSC, regarding behaviors against the club's Zero Tolerance Policy and Code of Conduct violation
- Disruption in playing time of the player; and/or
- Suspend the player, parent, or coach/volunteer for some time
- Remove the player, parent, or coach/volunteer from SPUYSC.

I have read the above information carefully. I feel we can gladly commit to the above and look forward to the upcoming season.

Player Name: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____

Parent Name: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____

Official Use Only- Received By: _____ Team: _____