



### 2023/24 – Parent / Player Code of Ethics

Attached in this document are all the Parent / Player Code of Ethics.

Two of which are from the two governing organizations of the Leagues will participate in FYSA (Florida Youth Soccer) & US Club Soccer.

We also have our Tampa Dynamo Code of Ethics Sheet. Please ensure you read through all the documents very carefully.

US Club's Policy can be found on their website: <https://usclubsoccer.org/prohibitedconduct/>

We use FYSA / US Club Soccer Code of Ethics as our basis of behavior, as a club we want to ensure that our behavior properly reflects our core values. Any incident will be dealt with in an internal manner and shall, if necessary, will be reported to the correct governing body (FYSA / US Club), where they will deal with incident and appropriate suspensions.

By signing below, both parent & player have read the FYSA & US Club Soccer Code of Ethics as well as the Tampa Dynamos Code of Ethics and Zero Tolerance Policy as set forth.

All parties agree to abide by the requirements set forth therein. We will act in a manner of respect at all practices, games, travel etc. and serve as role models to others to maintain the integrity of ourselves, our team, and all of TDFC. Players will conduct themselves in accordance with TDFC, FYSA, US Club Soccer, USYSA, USSF and FIFA rules at all times, or will be subject to disciplinary action.

PLAYER NAME & SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

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

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME & SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

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

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME & SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

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



## **TDFC Zero Tolerance Policy**

*TDFC has a zero-tolerance policy regarding prejudice and discrimination. This policy applies to player, coach, parent, DOC and Board conduct. We use the FYSA Code of Ethics as our basis of behavior and this policy is intended to expand on the FYSA Code of Ethics.*

*We reject all forms of prejudice and discrimination, including those based on age, color, disability, gender, national origin, political affiliation, race, religion, and sexual orientation. We take individual and collective responsibility for helping to eliminate bias and discrimination and for increasing our own understanding of these issues through education, training, and interaction with others.*

*TDFC takes very seriously incidents when anyone makes remarks (slurs) against other players, coaches, parents or anyone. A "slur" is speech, for example, epithets, threats, verbal abuse, use of profanity or derogatory comments that make reference to real or perceived ethnicity, national origin, immigrant status, religious belief, gender, sexual orientation, age, disability, political affiliation, manner of speech, or any other physical or cultural characteristics.*

*Any player that makes a slur, against any individual for which there is conclusive proof, will be immediately removed from the game, practice, or activity. Conclusive proof includes being heard by a coach, referee, or other game official. Conclusive proof does not include an accusation by another player or parent. A second offense will result in a three-game suspension. A third offense will result in expulsion from the club.*

Failure to comply may result in the suspension of your privilege to participate in FYSA/US Club Soccer sanctioned events, for the following periods:

- 1st offense: Suspension for a minimum thirty (30) days to maximum of (5) years.
- 2nd offense: Suspension for a minimum of one (1) year to a maximum of ten (10) years.
- 3rd offense: Suspension for a minimum of five (5) years to a maximum of fifty (50) years.



## **Parent Code of Ethics**

TDFC sets forth the following policy to establish penalties for poor parent/spectator behavior. We use the FYSA Code of Ethics as our basis of behavior and this policy is intended to expand on the FYSA Code of Ethics. As a club, we want to ensure that our parent behavior properly reflects our core values

### **As the parent/legal guardian of a TDFC Competitive Player, I will:**

- Not approach the coaching staff within **48 hours** after the completion of a game to discuss anything relating to my child's playing time or their coaching decisions.
- Pay all fees associated with my child playing on a team on time.
- Support TDFC and the Directing Staff in all decisions that are made as they respect my child and the team, in all interactions with the team, coaches, or fellow parents.
- Ensure every effort is made for your child to attend all training sessions. If you are unable to attend, make sure the coach is informed in good time so they can plan accordingly.
- It is the player's responsibility to be dressed in the appropriate uniform and with sufficient water for the training session. Shin Guards are mandatory, players will not be able to participate in any TDFC activities without them.
- Ensure that my child has a parent, guardian or responsible individual at all practices and games for the full duration, so that if the practice or game terminates early for weather or other reason, or my child is injured, that he or she has adult supervision and transportation available.
- Ensure that my child attends all games, arrives prior to game time at the time frame set by the coach and that the player is responsible to bring cleats, shin guards and be dressed in the appropriate uniform and with enough water for the entire game.
- Ensure that my child gets proper rest and nutrition to participate fully in training sessions and games.

### **Practice & Game Expectations**

- TDFC has an open environment for parents to spectate player training sessions. We ask that parents respect the environment the coach is creating for the players by sitting in the designated areas away from the playing areas.
- Respect the coaching environment by not commentating, instructing or "coaching" players during sessions.
- During games be a positive influence for all players on the field with only positive praise & encouragement
- Do Not Coach from the sidelines – this is the job of the coach with the players long term development in mind.
- Florida has seen a major shortage in referees in recent years – with the clubs glowing reputation in the community we treat any referee abuse in the highest manner of seriousness
- Ensure that you do not engage in any verbal confrontation with the referee during any point in the game.



### **Violations of the above will be subject to the following**

Any incident will be dealt with internally with the teams coach, club official in a meeting at least 48 hours after the alleged incident unless the severity of the incident requires a direct report to the leagues governing body. Dependent on the violation the club may enact any of the following suspensions.

- Parent/spectator that persistently and belligerently yells at the referee will receive a one game suspension after review of reported incident. A second offense, in the same season, will result in a two-game suspension. A third offense will result in that coach or parent not being allowed to attend any games for the remainder of the season. Habitual behavior (carrying over more than one season) will be addressed by the Board. Habitual poor behavior will not be tolerated.
- Any parent/spectator that is ejected / removed / asked to leave by the referee during a game will receive a two-game suspension. A second offense, in the same season, will result in a four-game suspension. A third offense will result in that coach or parent not being allowed to attend any games for the remainder of the season. Habitual behavior (carrying over more than one season) will be addressed by the Board. Habitual poor behavior will not be tolerated.
- Any coach or parent that gets into a physical confrontation with the referee will not be allowed to attend any games for the remainder of the season. Any second offense to this will result in a lifetime ban.
- **Any player who has a blood relative ejected from the game, will be sent off for the remainder of that game.**

\*A suspended coach or parent will not be allowed to enter the complex.

\*\* If a suspended coach or parent attempts to enter the complex, their child will be pulled from that game.



## **Player Code of Conduct**

- I will treat my coaches, my teammates, other players, referees, and spectators with respect always.
- I will be a positive role model and encourage good sportsmanship from fellow players, coaches, and parents always.
- 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.
- I will remember that all players have talents and weaknesses, the same as I do. I will never ridicule or yell at any player for making a mistake during a soccer game or during practice.
- I will listen to my coaches and do what is asked of me in order to improve my game and my position on the team. If I need to leave a practice or game early, I will inform my coaches in a timely manner.
- 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 understand that I am responsible for my uniform and my equipment.
- I understand that I must be on time and play my best at all practices and games.
- Once I am at the soccer field for practice, I will not utilize my cell phone to call or text anyone unless I receive approval from one of my coaches.
- I will tell one of my coaches in advance if I cannot attend training, games, or other team events through the TeamSnap availability tab.
- I will never use social media to damage my reputation or our soccer community. I understand that posting hurtful information can destroy a friendship, family relationships, and even a soccer team in a matter of minutes. I will treat these words for what they are: permanent records that can never be erased.
- I understand that drug use and other inappropriate behavior, including posting inappropriate information on any social media are grounds for dismissal from the team.