



# PLAYER/PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT



# Introduction

The TSS Football Club Code of Conduct has been developed to ensure every player and parent understands the expectations that will be placed on each player with respect to commitment, behaviour, and performance throughout the TSS FC program. If you do not understand any element of this code, please speak to your TSS FC instructor and ask for clarification.

## Professionalism

TSS Football Club is a professional organization. Players are expected to conduct themselves at all times in a manner which is in keeping with representing TSS. Whenever you are wearing the TSS FC logo and participating in a TSS FC event, you are an ambassador for the club and are therefore expected to conduct yourself accordingly.

## Demonstrate Commitment

- ✓ Your primary soccer commitment is to the TSS FC program. Any additional sports activities are perfectly acceptable as long as they don't regularly conflict directly with your TSS FC team commitments. If you have to miss a TSS FC game or training session for another activity, simply communicate with your TSS instructor.
- ✓ It is suggested to parents to plan any vacation during program breaks such as December, July, August 1-15, and March. If you plan on taking a family vacation during the program, please clear it with your TSS FC instructor
- ✓ Players are expected to be on time for all training, games and events
- ✓ Report to your TSS FC instructor all injuries, special medical conditions (such as asthma) or extenuating circumstances (such as lack of sleep or family crisis) that may affect the player. Injured Players still need to report to training
- ✓ If you cannot attend a session or game, you must email your TSS FC instructor at least 3 days before with the reason for your absence.

## Communication

- ✓ TSS FC will strive to communicate professionally and openly with player/parents
- ✓ If you play for a U17-U18 TSS FC team (or older), the player is expected to communicate directly with the TSS FC instructor - not the parent
- ✓ TSS FC will mainly communicate by email or through a team website. U17-U18 teams (or older) will also communicate directly to players through a group chat, which include include a minimum of 2 instructors in the chat
- ✓ It is the responsibility of the player (U17-U18) and parents to have a proper email that is checked regularly
- ✓ It is the responsibility of the player/parents to check and review the team website to understand the program schedule

## Dress Code

- ✓ Players are required to wear assigned TSS FC gear for all official events, which includes TSS FC training gear to all sessions, and the appropriate kit for all games
- ✓ Players are also expected to wear TSS FC zip tops whenever traveling with the team

## Playing Time

Everyone plays on a TSS FC team. TSS FC believes that in order to develop, young players need to play. TSS FC is quite structured in how substitutions are managed. Subs are generally not made to change the outcome of a game. Subs are made to ensure players get some degree of equity in playing time. No, not everyone plays equally but every player gets a minimum half game. If a player is having an off-game, TSS believes that he/she needs to work through it. There's no value in having a young player looking over their shoulder in fear of being yanked from the field. That being said, TSS FC also believes that players need to be held accountable for performance as it pertains to work ethic. If that becomes an issue, it will be dealt with separately on an individual basis. *The exception to this playing time policy is for at U17 and older which have more of a performance-based playing time policy. This is to better prepare players for adult/university level soccer. TSS FC Instructors may also declare certain games "performance/ability-based" in order to introduce that element of accountability to the players.*

## Game Behaviour

- ✓ Understand that a team's reputation is built not only on its playing ability but also on its sportsmanship.
- ✓ Players are expected to be gracious in victory, and turn defeat to victory by working towards improvement.
- ✓ Parents refrain from speaking to officials. DO NOT openly question their judgment. If you have questions or concerns with the referees, relay the information to the TSS FC instructor.
- ✓ Parents refrain from being confrontational with the opponents' parents
- ✓ Players refrain from commenting on decisions during the play of the game. Players may address the officials during the game but only within the provisions of the rules, and in a courteous, respectful manner.

## Player Discipline

- ✓ Persistent irresponsible and disrespectful behaviour on the part of the player or the parent can be cause for dismissal.
- ✓ Failure to comply with any and all team rules (curfew, attendance, dress code, etc.) may be cause for disciplinary action. Persistent failure will be cause for dismissal from the program for the remainder of the current season, and could affect a player's future participation.

## TSS FC Commitment

- ✓ TSS FC is committed to providing a professional program that puts player development at the forefront of its operations
- ✓ TSS FC instructors will be professional and organized in all training sessions and game events
- ✓ TSS FC instructors will provide honest and constructive feedback to all players with the goal of helping each player develop to the best of their abilities
- ✓ TSS FC instructors will also provide the opportunity for parents to receive constructive feedback on their child's soccer development