

## Players/Parents/Coaches Conduct Statement

**The philosophy** of the Square One Sports is to help young players become the best soccer players they can be, while learning the center's philosophy of "Hard work equals success."

**Players** must bring a ball, shin guards, water, and a serious attitude to learn and train hard to each while having fun in every practice.

**Practices** are **MANDATORY**. Each player has a better chance of improving if there's regular attendance and the right effort.

**Players** must realize that this is a bridge between recreational and competitive soccer. Our training is intended to supplement players who are seeking to sharpen their skills. All of our trainers/coaches are college or ex college players who have played at the highest level.

**Players** must always reflect respect for all authority figures, including coaches, trainers, referees, administrators, and, above all, parents. All coaching and player allocation decisions (team assignments) are made solely by the professional coaching staff of the club.

**Parents** must conduct themselves properly at all times when players from the club are involved. The club and the coaches will not tolerate embarrassments and indiscretions at games and tournaments.

**Inform** coach(s) of any health concerns or injuries of your child.

**Discuss** concerns or issues of disagreement with their child's coach first. It is suggested and expected that a discussion of disagreement be held away from other team members or parents. After speaking with the coach and if you are still unsatisfied, contact the age group director. If after speaking to the age group director and still unsatisfied, contact the club President.

**Parents** are asked NOT to coach during the game from anywhere at the field. Parents are spectators, nothing but words of encouragement are expected from them.

**Coaches** will abide by the Square One Sports' mission statement, the laws of the game, SOS guidelines, and its sponsors, organizations and affiliates. The philosophy and purpose of youth coaching is to teach soccer skills, promote and display good sportsmanship, and to conduct practices and games in a manner safe for players.

**Encourage** good sportsmanship before, during, and after a game. Coaches are expected to be positive role models for our youth athletes.

**Demonstrate** respect for players, parents, and referees. Refrain from arguments or negative comments to referees, opposing teams, and coaches. Be a positive role model and be a positive influence for the players, parents, and the soccer club.

Insure fair playing time for all players. Coaches may take into consideration attendance at practices and player attitudes for playing time.

**Discipline** players in a fair and consistent manner.

**Deal** with player injuries in a timely manner.

**Refrain** from using inappropriate language to children.

**Provide** guidance in teaching a proper progression of skills and tactics to their respective age group team that is fun and challenging.

A coach may be terminated if he/she does not abide by the statements above or within SOS rules, guidelines, and principles. Common sense will prevail for issues or concerns not listed.

The club encourages all coaches to continue their soccer coaching education in believing that educated coaches become better coaches who produce stronger players thus evolving into stronger teams and those making SOS a better environment for all of its youth participants.