



MANTECA FUTBOL CLUB

Code of Conduct



Manteca Futbol Club operates on the principles of responsibility, respect, and sportsmanship. Coaches, parents/guardians, and players are expected to exhibit superior levels of these principles on and off the field, and shall conform their behavior to the following *Code of Conduct*:

Set a Good Example

Display professional courtesy and respect to opposing parents, players, and officials before, during, and after the game regardless of race, creed, gender, sexual orientation, or ability. Do not partake in any behavior which would endanger the health, safety, or well-being of any coach, player, parent, or official; do not engage in verbal or physical threats, do not initiate a fight or scuffle, do not retaliate if the opposing team has hostile or poorly behaved parents. Drugs, alcohol, and profanity are strictly prohibited from all youth sports events.

Display Positive Sideline Behavior

Do not yell at, ridicule, or criticize your child or any other child, nor the coach or referee at any time, and especially during a game. All sideline comments must be supportive and not instructive. Keep in mind that the team may be learning a specific method of play and should not be counter-coached or second guessed by spectators. Children improve by making their own decisions and errors in the game; allow them to learn from these decisions and errors without the fear of ridicule or criticism.

Honor the Game with Good Sportsmanship

During games acknowledge and applaud the efforts of ALL players, including teammates and opponents, not just your own child. Support the team regardless of how much or how little your child plays or what the team's win-loss record is. Accept defeat graciously. Abide by any decision rendered by a referee or other Club, League, or Tournament official. Never confront officials, curse at or abuse them verbally, or interfere or impede them either during or after the game.

Playing Time

This is a competitive soccer program, not recreational, therefore playing time is awarded at the discretion of the coach. The coach has many variables to consider when determining playing time, but the utmost important consideration is each player's appropriate level of play in relation to their individual development.

Club Volunteer Responsibility

Parents are expected to contribute a minimum of six (6) volunteer hours per player. Manteca Futbol Club hosts several events throughout the year available for parents to fulfill their volunteer responsibility.

Resolve Conflicts Reasonably

It is inappropriate for a parent to approach a coach immediately before, during, or after a game. If there is a problem, you should allow 24 hours to consider your grievance then email the coach to request a discussion.

I _____ the parent/guardian of _____ take responsibility for my actions and understand that misconduct is likely to result in consequences from the club.

I have received information regarding team rules & guidelines, league & tournament dates/participation, and team costs. I understand my financial obligation to the team. _____ (initials)

As a member of Manteca Futbol Club, I agree to abide by this Code of Conduct and I will be responsible for the behavior of all those attending any Manteca Futbol Club, Nor Cal Premier League, or US Club Soccer sponsored event on my child's behalf.

Participant/Parent Signature

Date