



Forza Sports Academy Soccer Club

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PLAYERS & PARENTS

One of Forza Sports Academy goals is to provide children an opportunity to develop superior life skills through team play, sportsmanship, top competition, and hard work. To better achieve that mission, we provide the following Codes of Conduct for all FSA players, parents, and coaches.

These Codes of Conduct are a covenant between FSA players, parents, and coaches to abide by the rules and regulations of the game, as well as to maintain a cooperative attitude and uphold the ideals of fair play and sportsmanship. These Codes express our core values and goals. It is essential they be honored and followed.

MAINTAINING GOOD RELATIONSHIPS

Officials - The referee's job is a difficult one. All referees are human and they do make mistakes. Parents or players who believe their team has been treated unfairly or has been assigned an unqualified referee should speak to their coach after the game. Coaches should inform the appropriate league or tournament officials about blatant officiating problems. In accordance with FIFA laws, verbal abuse toward a referee can result in a red card and ejection for the player, coach or parent. Referees have the authority to suspend play if a coach does not control his players and parents/supporters.

Opponents - Players and coaches are required to maintain a sense of fair play and be respectful of opposing players, coaches and fans at all times. Sportsmanship begins with respect. Without it, the positive competitive environment, which should be a perfect classroom for learning the values of soccer, is completely undermined. Occasionally we will encounter opponents who do not share our values and high standards. If we allow ourselves to be drawn down to their level, we will have lost regardless of the final score.

Our Own Team - In an environment where our children are competing not only against other teams but also frequently against each other, it can be difficult to control jealousies and rivalries. A successful team resembles a family in that members put their own needs second, behind the greater good of the team. Great care must be taken not to undermine the coach's authority. As in most cases, parental example is all-important.

ROLE OF PLAYER

THE FORZA SPORTS ACADEMY SOCCER CLUB PLAYER WILL BE ACCOUNTABLE FOR HIS/HER ACTIONS.

- All players will be required to attend all practice sessions, to arrive on time and be properly attired.
- All players will be required to arrive 45 minutes prior to game kick-off for team warm-up. Team warm-ups should begin approximately 30 minutes before kick-off.



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- All players will put their bags properly and in order behind the bench or 5 yards from the field.
- All players will be required to notify their respective coach if they will miss or be late for a training session or game.
- Be modest and generous when I win and gracious when I lose.
- Respect the game of soccer and its laws, learn these laws and try to follow them, and play the game fairly.
- Work for the good of my team and give my best effort at all times.
- Show respect for the authority of the referee, even though I will sometimes disagree with his/her calls.
- Show good sportsmanship before, during, and after games. I understand that soccer is a game, and that the players on the other team are my opponents, not my enemies.
- Conduct myself with honor and dignity and treat other players, as I would like to be treated.
- Control my temper and not retaliate, even if I believe I have been wronged.
- All players will be required to be prepared for all training sessions and games.

Proper uniform for training and games

- ◆ Training – Gray Puma training jersey, red shorts, red socks
- ◆ Game – Black & Red FSA Puma uniform (both uniforms should be with players at all games). Teams warm-up in gray training jersey.
- ◆ FSA gray warm-up and/or sweatshirt can be worn at games and training.

Proper shoes and shin guards

- ◆ Turfs/Cleats for training and games
- ◆ Shin guards covered fully by socks

Bring an inflated soccer ball of the correct size and a water bottle.

The FSA Puma uniform package is the approved gear for all FSA players.

- Maintain and uphold the standards set forth by Forza Sports Academy on and off the field of play.
- Do not use tobacco, alcohol or drugs.
- Do not use profanity.
- Do not act in a way that will negatively impact you, your family or FSA.
- All players are to act in a manner that minimizes unnecessary (dissent & undisciplined behavior) yellow and red cards during games.
- Players are to be on their best behavior while representing Forza during training sessions, games and tournaments.
- Players will be disciplined for poor conduct at any Forza Sports Academy event, training, game or tournament.



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ROLE OF THE PARENT

THE FORZA SPORTS ACADEMY SOCCER CLUB PARENTS WILL BE ACCOUNTABLE FOR HIS/HER ACTIONS.

- The role of the parent is very simple; be a parent, not a coach or referee.
- Do not use alcohol or tobacco during training sessions or games.
- Support your son/daughter in a positive manner.
- Do not coach from the sideline during games or trainings.
- Help make sure your child is on time.
- Once your son/daughter has joined the team's training session, do not interfere with the training or the game.
- Do not interfere with the center referee or assistant referees, the opposing team's players/parents or staff.
- Do not use foul or abusive language.
- Parents sit on the opposite sideline/half from the team during games unless directed otherwise by the coach, team manager or referee.
- Per published rules, parents must sit five feet back from the sideline and between their penalty area and ten feet from the halfway line.
- No taunting of opposing team's players, parents, coaches or spectators.
- Stay off the fields while the teams train or play.
- Be responsible for your child at all Forza games and functions, including tournaments.
- For soccer training or coaching issues, contact your teams' head coach first, then the program director, and then the DOC to resolve any problems, not the team manager.
 - ◆ Immediately after training or a game is not the time to discuss issues or concerns. The 48-hour rule is in effect. This will allow a 48 hour window before any communication is made between parent and coach to allow emotions to settle.
 - ◆ Email, call or set up a meeting with the coach.
 - ◆ If a parent takes his or her son/daughter during the game is in violation, suspensions may be implemented by FSA.
 - ◆ Please note that Forza will be very firm with our parent's policy, specifically regarding how and when communication occurs to address soccer issues.
- Keep player registrations up-to-date with current home addresses, phone numbers and email addresses.
- Please be prompt with manager's requests about games, tournaments, or events.

REMEMBER THAT YOUR CHILD WANTS TO HAVE FUN

Your child is the one playing soccer, not you. Children must establish their own goals - to play the game for themselves. Take care not to impose unreasonable demands on your child. Let your children experience the fun of playing as well as the challenge of excelling.



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ROLE OF THE TEAM MANAGER

- The team manager is the main contact for all relevant team information. The manager's main source of communication is via email, phone, text, or other communication assigned by the club.
- The manager is responsible for team coordination of activities through direction of the team coach.
- Any soccer related issues should be directed to the team coach. The team manager is responsible for coordinating with on-site directors at competitive events/league play/tournaments.
- Team managers are not debt collectors. Note that failure to pay tournament fees, travel expenses, and misc. team expenses (tournament expenses, coach travel reimbursement, college profile brochures, referee costs for scrimmages, etc), may lead to non-participation in those events.

TRAINING/GAME POLICIES

RULES FOR TRAINING SESSIONS

- All Select Program players are to attend three regular team training sessions each week.
- All Pre-Academy & Academy players are to attend two regular team training sessions each week.
- If a player is invited or allow to train with a different age group, players, teams and coaches are great developmental opportunities that players should embrace
 - ◆ When attending a training session with another team, players need to understand their level of participation, especially during tactical training, may be limited at times.

MISSING TRAINING/GAME POLICIES

- All FSA players are required to attend their respective training sessions and games.
 - ◆ Failure to attend a training session could result in limited or no playing time during games.
- Excused absences for missed sessions/games will include:
 - ◆ Family emergencies, player medical illnesses/injury, mandatory school functions

PLAYER TRAVEL POLICY

- All players will be responsible to pay for their respective travel expenses in a timely manner whether to the team manager or the club.
 - ◆ Failure to pay may lead to non-participation in FSA events.
 - ◆ It is mandatory that all players (including guest players) on a team will pay for the tournament entry fee, regardless of participation of player.
- All players shall adhere to FSA Role of the Player rules when attending all tournaments.
- All players shall adhere to any specific instructions set forth for each tournament they may attend by their FSA coach and/or DOC.
 - ◆ Curfews and hotel policy will apply to tournament and league travel.



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- ◆ Players may be sent home if travel rules are not adhered to.

Tournament Fees

- Tournament fees will be charged to every player on the team, regardless of the player's participation in the tournament.
- Tournament fees will include:
 - ◆ Local events: Registration fees + \$75 per team per day
 - ◆ Travel events: Registration fees + \$75 per team per day + coach mileage + coach hotel
- Participation in a tournament as a guest player with an FSA team that is not the player's own, will incur charges equal to the amount paid by every other player on the team.

League Travel Fees

- League travel fees to Houston, Dallas or further will include:
 - ◆ \$75 per team per day + coach mileage + coach hotel
 - ◆ If more than one coach travels with the team, the club will cover the costs of the additional coaches

CLUB CONTACTS AND INFORMATION:

You can find more information at www.forzasportsacademy.com.

We are also on Facebook – <https://www.facebook.com/forzasportsacademy/>-

Please “like” us and turn on notifications to receive updates, as we use Facebook as one method to let parents know of upcoming events or changes to schedules.

For questions and comments please email info@forzasportsacademy.com

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We look forward to welcoming your family to the Forza Family.