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PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT 2026

First and foremost, ensure that football participation for your child and others is a positive experience. Young people participate in football for their pleasure and enjoyment, not yours. Remember a child is easily affected by outside influences. A parent/caregiver's expectations and attitudes have a significant bearing on a child's attitude towards other players, coaches, officials, managers and other parents.

Therefore:

1. Encourage players to always play according to the rules and to settle disagreements without resorting to hostility, verbal abuse or violence. These types of behaviour will NOT be tolerated by Southern Phoenix FC. Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from football, both on and off the field.
2. Show control, respect and appreciation to all involved with football. This includes players, opponents, coaches, officials, managers, other parents and spectators. Encourage players to do the same. Remember without these volunteers, your child would not be able to participate in football.
3. Respect the coach - interact, with courtesy, through the team manager. Please leave coaching to the coach, regardless of whether you agree or disagree.
4. Encourage your child to speak with the coach. If your child is having difficulties in training or games or can't attend training etc. encourage them to speak directly to the coach/manager. This "responsibility taking" is a big part of becoming a mature person. By handling off the field tasks your child is claiming ownership of all aspects of the game.
5. Respect the Referee and Officials and teach players to do likewise. These people are there to make the game fair and more enjoyable. They are human and make mistakes. You must understand this and explain it to your child. Your attitude and behaviour toward these persons will affect the player's attitude and behaviour also.
6. Applaud good play by your team and members of opposing teams.
7. Accept the results of each game and encourage your child to be gracious in both victory and defeat. However, you can turn defeat into victory by being solution focused and working on improving their performance.



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8. Parents must not criticise their child or other children. Allow the coaches to do their work, if you add your suggestions it may cause confusion and erode confidence.
9. Ensure your child arrives on time for training and matches wearing the correct uniform.
10. Try to avoid family holidays throughout the season.
11. Respect the club and the facilities, including those at the opponent's grounds.
12. Develop and teach responsibilities to your child. Give them the responsibility to pack their football bags, clean their own boots and bring their water bottles.
13. When watching matches or training sessions please stand behind the official lines, and barriers. Please DO NOT stand behind the goals.
14. Inform the manager of any medical condition your child has and please supply a doctor's certificate if a player has sustained an injury as they require official clearance to play subsequent games.
15. Support the team manager by turning up to all your allocated game duties. Please arrange a swap of duties if unable to meet rostered commitment e.g. Canteen duty.
16. Pay registrations on time and ensure all forms are filled out correctly.

Failing to adhere to the code of conduct could lead to:

1. A verbal/written warning being issued.
2. Not being permitted to attend your child's training session.
3. If behaviour continues, not being permitted to attend your child's training and matches.
4. The player's parents stood down for a game, but they must still attend training.
5. Both player and parent will be asked to leave the club, and the player will be deregistered.

Please note: Time of exclusion will be determined by the Southern Phoenix FC Committee in consultation with the Team Manager and JDL and Youth Convenors.