



CODE OF CONDUCT

Parents, players, coaches, and spectators represent the Chicago Fire Juniors when our teams take the field. The actions of any one person can affect the image of the entire program. This Code of Conduct encourages player and parents to work together to encourage good sportsmanship and to treat players, coaches, referees, and other parents with respect. It also identifies the potential consequences encountered when the appropriate behavior is not observed on the sideline.

The Referee

- Under no circumstance should a family member confront a referee during or after a match.
- Do not verbally harass a referee. You may disagree with a call but it serves no purpose to yell or otherwise harass the referee.
- Head Coaches will be held responsible by the referee and the club for ensuring that parents comply with this portion of the Code of Conduct. Any coach who, in the opinion of the Technical Director or Director of Coaching, fails to control unruly parents on the sideline will be subject to suspension.

The Team

- Ensure your child and all of his/her equipment gets to training and games on time.
- Pick up your child promptly at the end of training and games.
- Respond in a timely manner to manager or coach communications.
- Honor the commitment to the team by making sure your child is at all team functions; training, games, tournaments, etc.
- Communicate any absences or conflicts with Team Manager and Head Coach

The Player

- Parent criticism of (or “constructive help” for) other CFJ players or opponents is generally not well received by the player, the coach, or the player’s parents and will not be tolerated.
- Win or lose – do so with class.
- Never yell at a player on the opposing team. Think about how incensed you would be if that was your child.
- Avoid confrontations or shouting matches with the coaches, parents, or spectators on the opposing team. Confrontations on the sidelines will not be tolerated. An appropriate response to this type of situation would be to move to a part of the field where you will not be involved.
- Constant yelling is irritating to the people around you – even if you think it is positive.
- No alcohol, drugs, profanity or fighting are ever permitted at games or training.

The Coach

- Coaches, not parents, are the ones we entrust to instruct our players. Please do not coach your child from the sideline. There are plenty of decisions that have to be made by the player...additional comments from a parent will only serve to confuse the intended message from the coach.

- Disagreements with the coach do not belong on the soccer field before, during or after a game or training. Questions or comments should be discussed privately and in an adult atmosphere.

Grievances and Consequences

- If you feel a parent's behavior warrants corrective action (e.g., the above noted points) the appropriate course of action would be to contact your team's Head Coach or the ADOC for your age group. The Coach or ADOC will attempt to resolve the issue but, may refer it to the DOC or TD for further investigation.
- The TD, DOC, or Board of Directors reserve the right to impose penalties including reprimands, suspension of spectator privileges, and expulsion from the team or club for violations of the Code of Conduct.
- Further, the Illinois Youth Soccer Association may take action for any incidents involving a referee, opponent player, or parents if the incident took place during an IYSA sanctioned event.
- In addition to the above consequences, please note the Illinois Code establishes up to Class A felony status for the offense of harassment of, menacing of, or assault on a sports official performing his or her official duties.