



# CHICAGO FIRE JUNIORS



## Player Code of Conduct

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The Chicago Fire Juniors is the first youth soccer club of a Major League Soccer (MLS) team – the Chicago Fire. As such our players are under constant scrutiny not only as soccer players but, as representatives of the Chicago Fire, and the Chicago Fire Juniors. The Chicago Fire Juniors believe "Character Counts" and our players are held to the same high standards as the first team players, both on and off the field.

Chicago Fire Junior Players are expected to:

1. attend and be prepared for all practices, games and team functions
2. maintain a positive individual attitude and support a positive team attitude
3. maintain a high level of physical and mental conditioning
4. strengthen and/or improve individual skills outside of regular training
5. demonstrate sportsmanship
6. report any injury to the coach and manager
7. respect the coach, manager, referee, opponent and the game
8. approach your staff coach personally with any soccer-related problem

Further, Chicago Fire Junior Players will not:

1. engage in dissent towards an official
2. use profane or vulgar language
3. use any controlled substance (drugs) unless prescribed by a physician
4. leave any team function without notifying staff coach or manager
5. make excuses or blame others for poor individual or team performance
6. drink alcoholic beverages or use tobacco products

Consequences for violation(s) of this Player Code of Conduct include but, are not limited to:

1. verbal warning from staff coach, written warning from Director of Coaching (DOC)
  2. reduced playing time during a determined amount of games
  3. suspension of playing privileges for a determined amount of games
  4. removal from the team and Club
- All serious violations of the Code resulting in more than verbal or written warning will be reviewed by DOC, Staff and Board of Directors. Further a meeting will be held with violating player and parent(s)/guardian(s) prior to any disciplinary action being taken.
  - RED CARDS will not be tolerated. All fines and suspensions served are the responsibility of the player. Continued Red Card offenses will be considered a serious violation of this Code of Conduct and as such will be subject to review by DOC, Staff and Board of Directors to determine any disciplinary action.