

# NCUnited Player Code of Conduct & Expectations



- Wearing the NCUnited uniform is a privilege. Never forget YOU represent the NC United Soccer Association.
- Represent Sportsmanship – never play maliciously; always say you're sorry and shake hands if you knock someone down.
- Respect your Teammates, Coaches and Opponents.
- Be humble losers and winners.
- Be Responsible to your team.
- DO NOT neglect your school work for soccer.
- Report any injury immediately to the Coaches.
- Only give encouragement.
- Learn and Obey the Laws of the Game.
- Talk to head coach about PLAYING TIME
- DO NOT USE DRUGS unless prescribed to you by a physician.
- FOCUS on AGGRESSIVENESS on the ball, CONTAIN on defense, PASSING (when appropriate) .
- NEVER BALL WATCH Always be moving into the next position.
- Practice basic soccer skills at HOME (include weak foot): juggling, foot skills, etc.
- ALWAYS remember that you LOVE playing soccer. Have a positive attitude and SMILE on your face.
- Train/play to the best of your ability and be willing push yourself each time just a little further.
- Be prompt for Practice and Games, with proper equipment and mental attitude.
- Never engage in dissent OR profane/vulgar language toward Referees, Teammates, Coaches or Opponents.
- Never leave practice, game, field without the permission of the coaches.
- Understand that your commitment to NCUnited and the team is for an entire Soccer Year (Fall/Spring), unless released by NCUnited/NCYSA guidelines.
- AGGRESSIVENESS on the ball, CONTAIN on defense, PASSING (when appropriate) offensively + 8 principals.
- NEVER BALL WATCH Always be moving into the next position.
- NEVER quit/give-up or stop trying. → the coach can tell. Work hard - give 100% every time you step on the field: practice or games.
- GAME Play from the heart. Practice with your head. Be Prepared when you get to practice: Practice Jersey, Shin guards, balls, water, glasses/contacts.
- Notify coaches if you're going to be late OR can't attend PRACTICE or GAME.

# NCUnited Parental Expectations

*Parents are an integral part of the NCUnited support system. It is important that parents observe guidelines set by NCUnited, TCL Leagues and NCYSA.*

I will...

- Be encouraging, supportive and affirmative in regards to my child and other children's play.
- Respect officials and accept their decisions.
- Familiarize myself with the LAWS of the GAME.
- Comply with the rules, policies and procedures of the TEAM and NCUnited Soccer Association, as they apply to me.
- Discuss my child:
  - Only with the coach, not with team manager.
  - Only at a time mutually agreed upon by coach and me
  - NEVER immediately prior to, during or directly after a match.
- Ask my child to treat other player, coaches, fans, opponents and referees with respect.
- Fulfill my financial commitments to NCUnited Soccer and the TEAM. (If you are having trouble please discuss with Coach and appropriate NCUnited board members)

## I will NOT...

- Focus on winning more than improving my child's skills each week.
- Engage in any dissent/unsportsmanlike conduct with referees, coaches, team managers, other parents or other players.
- Interfere with duties/responsibilities of coaches, team manager or any NCUnited Official.
- ACT in ANY way that is detrimental to the TEAM or NCUnited Soccer Assoc.



How can I achieve this?

- Allow the coach to provide instruction during the game. Encourage the efforts.
- No matter how good your intentions are , no yelling/shouting instructions to your child or complaining to the referees during games.
- Volunteer my services , expertise and talents to ASSIST the team and NCUnited at least 1 time during the upcoming year.
- Ask questions.
- Bring non-player concerns to the coach first.
- Allow you child to discuss player concerns with the coach first.
- Set an EXAMPLE for your Child and remember your child loves the GAME.

***NOTE: FAILURE to comply may result in the immediate suspension (and possible removal from the current situation) of your membership/eligibility. FAILURE may also result in further disciplinary action by NC United Soccer Assoc. and/or NCYSA.***

# NCUnited Coach's Duties & Responsibilities

The coach is hired by NC United Directors of Coaching and approved by NCYSA Risk Management. The coach has sole responsibility for coaching the team which includes:

- Solidify squad after tryouts, by contacting individual players.
- “Voluntold” an assistant coach(es) and team manager/treasurer.
- Add/remove players from squad with DOC approval.
- Determine tactics, formations, and positions.
- Define appropriate sideline behavior with players and parents.
- Select Tournaments in which the squad will play.
- Establish and implement team philosophy, player appreciation for the game, training/practice sessions/techniques AND times in accordance with the format developed by the DOC.
  - Communicate changes to game and practice schedules as soon as possible.
  - Give at least 1 week notice to changes in practice schedule.
- Secure assistant or substitute coach in the event the coach is unable to attend a match/training/practice session.
- Ensure the NCUnited Soccer Association and Team UNIFORM policy is enforced for practice/training sessions and MATCHES.
- Be available to parents to discuss players. Playing time discussion should be addressed by the PLAYER to the coach.
- Keep good communications with team manager/treasurer regarding team finances.
- Communicate with parents any pertinent strategy/formations through team meetings and recap emails.
- Lead by example, represent the club by adhering to NCUnited coaching attire at all matches and training/practice sessions
- Ultimate responsibility regarding the enforcement of NCUnited policies, procedures, rules and regulations.
- Report known or suspected instances of child abuse and understand that NOT doing so may be considered a misdemeanor.
- KNOW the LAWS of the GAME & be aware of potential hazards.
- Attend ALL scheduled COACHES meetings, including specials meetings called by DOC's.

