



Silverbacks Soccer Club

Parents Agreement & Code of Conduct

The following standards of conduct outline a philosophy that is paramount to the game of soccer. Soccer is a sport which belongs to the players. While soccer games are exciting for parents and spectators, parent and spectator excitement and enthusiasm must be both positive and controlled. Uncontrolled or abusive parental behavior is not accepted at the Silverbacks Soccer Club.

The Referee: Never use foul or abusive language toward any of the referees; center or linesmen. The coach and team captain(s) are in control of the game. Each referee is just as different as the field the game is played on. Keep this in mind. A parent has never overruled a referee and never will.

The Laws: In order to be a supportive parent you must have an understanding of the primary laws of the game. The Silverbacks Soccer Club will make abbreviated written game laws available to all parents. Familiarize yourself with the basics; offside, penal fouls and non-penal fouls.

Your Player: The Silverbacks Soccer Club attempts to provide the best coaching and training available for your player. Keep this in mind when encouraging your player and their teammates during a match. The Silverbacks want and need your enthusiasm and support for our teams, but only in a constructive manner. A parent's duty is to encourage; not to coach or to criticize.

Conduct: Continuous yelling is distracting for both teams and at times can reveal the parents lack of understanding of the game. Enthusiasm, in short bursts of encouragement, is welcome and needed. Always show respect to the players and spectators of the opposing team.

Alcohol, tobacco products (including smokeless tobacco), illegal drugs, pets, and firearms are not permitted at any Silverbacks Soccer Club game, at home or away.

Always remember you are responsible for the conduct of all visitors you bring to any match.

Financial: All Silverbacks Soccer Club team members are required to purchase and wear the Silverbacks uniform; each team will play in several tournaments each year; each team will have a paid coach or trainer position; and each player is responsible for paying state and club dues and all teams require players to attend summer camp. The Silverbacks Soccer Club urges you to understand that the sum of all of these requirements is a substantial financial requirement. Payments are due on the dates furnished by your team manager. Each team manager can give you an estimate on yearly expenses.

When your child commits to play on a Silverbacks team, club fees for the entire seasonal year are due. Payment plans are available to levelize the financial impact on your family. In the event of an injury sidelining the player or dismissal from the team for reasons indicated in this agreement or the *Player's Agreement & Code of Conduct*, any monies due will still be owed and no refunds will be made. (*Please note: Mid-season transfer requests to another club will NOT be approved unless all team and club fees are paid in full.*) Players with a past-due balance will have their player cards pulled and will not be eligible to play in any game or tournament. Any past due fees will incur a late charge.

Anyone who violates this Agreement and Code of Conduct is subject to immediate dismissal from any game and disciplinary action up to and including being expelled from the Silverbacks Soccer Club.

I (we) have read the above information and accept this agreement as part of my player's commitment to the Silverbacks Soccer Club and acknowledge the consequences of not abiding by this agreement.

Father's (guardian) signature _____ **Date** _____

Mother's (guardian) signature _____ **Date** _____