

Code of Conduct - Parents

While winning is important, I recognize that fair play is the essence of the game.

I will set a good example to my child by always behaving in accordance with the following:

- I will not openly criticize the referees before, during or after games.
- I will not openly criticize our opponents or engage in arguments with their parents or officials during or after games.
- I will only give positive feedback to players on both teams.
- I will cheer at all games within the spirit of fair play.
- I will be mindful of our opponents' feelings when cheering for our team in lop-sided games.
- I will do my best to teach my player to become a student of the game and do likewise.
- I will show the quality of our sportsmanship during and after each match and encourage my child to congratulate opponents and match officials after every game.
- I will do my very best to have my child on time and prepared for every match.
- I understand that improper behavior at a match, practice or other Tampa Bay United-sponsored event may result in a parent being asked to leave the field or the event by a referee, coach, or team manager.
- I understand that, upon review of improper behavior by the Board of Directors of TBU, a parent can, and will, if necessary, be suspended from watching their child play should such behavior be considered rude or otherwise offensive.
- I will leave the coaching to the coach and refrain from giving my child or any teammate any instructions during training or games.
- I will endeavor to give timely notice (more than 24h) to my coach should my player be unable to attend a team event.
- Should I have a soccer-related concern regarding my player, I agree to reflect for at least 24h before raising the issue with the coach.

Code of Conduct - Players

I understand that as a playing member of Tampa Bay United, I must follow the rules and policies of the club and any leagues or competitions that we participate in. I understand that, as a player, I am a representative of TBU and as such, must not conduct myself in a way that reflects poorly on the club. I also understand that my playing rights are dependent on my adherence to the following.

- I will respect the game of soccer and its laws. I will learn these laws and I will play the game fairly.
- I will make every effort to get to all team events. If I cannot attend, I will give timely notice to my coach of my absence.
- I will show respect for the match officials, even though I will sometimes disagree with their decisions.
- I will work for the good of the team and conduct myself with honor and dignity.
- I will show good sportsmanship to my opponents before, during and after games.
- I will help my parents and fans understand the Laws of the Game so they can watch and enjoy the game better and understand that dissent is not permitted.

Code of Conduct - Travel

The intention of these guidelines is to ensure that Tampa Bay United players, parents and coaches can enjoy tournaments in a secure and safe manner. TBU players also have a responsibility to act as ambassadors for the club when attending tournaments. These guidelines are intended to provide clear communication to all players and parents as to acceptable behavior while traveling with the team.

- It is strongly recommended that all players, parents, and coaches stay at the same hotel for the duration of the tournament.
- Players should follow a dress code of wearing TBU or NIKE apparel when traveling to tournaments and while in hotels, unless otherwise instructed by the coach. This also applies to injured players traveling with the team who must wear full TBU warm-up or uniform if they intend to sit on the bench with the team during games.
- All players shall have a defined curfew established by the coach. The default is that all players should be in their own rooms for the night by 10pm, unless otherwise stated by the coach. Parents must be responsible for ensuring the whereabouts of their children and any other players they are supervising.
- All players are expected to be punctual for all team meetings at tournaments.
- All players must be polite, professional, and courteous in manner while at a hotel, restaurant or in any place where the team or player travels.
- Any player found using or in possession of alcohol, drugs, or any other illegal substance, will be asked to leave immediately and may be suspended by or removed from the Club.
- Any player found stealing, vandalizing, fighting or involved in any illegal or inappropriate activity, will be asked to leave immediately and may be suspended by or removed from the Club.
- Players are strongly discouraged from fraternizing with members of the opposite sex while representing the club at tournaments. Cell phone numbers should not be given and out and cell phones should be switched off at the appointed curfew time.
- Any player found to be in a hotel room or other private environment with non-family members of the opposite sex without adult supervision will be asked to leave immediately and may be suspended by or removed from the Club.
- Any player, coach or parent who observes conduct inconsistent with the above guidelines has the obligation and responsibility to report the act to the coach.