

## CLUB INDEPENDENT (CI) PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT – CI-POL-004

*Poor sporting behavior will not be tolerated at any Club Independent (CI), referred to in this document as the Club, event either on or off the field. The Club will diligently enforce the Code.*

### GENERAL CODE OF CONDUCT STATEMENT

*Whereas: The safety, welfare and well-being of our youth players are the primary concern and responsibility of the Club.*

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As a Club Independent (CI) Soccer Club player, I \_\_\_\_\_ (Player's Name) will:

- Demonstrate positive sportsmanship on and off of the field. This includes exercising positive self-control, graciously accepting the outcome of games and treating all referees/officials, coaches, parents, and players with courtesy and respect and act in a manner that will not embarrass my team or Club. Any rude or insulting comments, arguing, gestures, profanity, violence, and abuse will not be tolerated.
- Accept the decisions of the coaching staff, regardless of playing time. I will positively support my teammates when I am not in the game.
- Push myself to work hard and be accountable for my actions or lack thereof (training and maintaining my fitness level on my own).
- Be self-motivated and honor my commitments to my team and Club and will attend all team events (practices, games, etc.) that I can, and will notify my coach if I cannot attend.
- Strive to do things the right way the first time I am asked (on and off the field) and not make excuses.
- Refrain from engaging in behavior that disrupts team chemistry and will never act in a manner that is detrimental or disrespectful to the team or Club.
- Positively represent the team and Club on and off the field at all home and away events.
- Respect the team and Club logo and/or brand.
- Familiarize and comply with the laws of the game as appropriate for age and competitive level.
- Sustain from the use of alcohol, illegal drugs/substances, and tobacco products (Smoking and non-smoking) that are detrimental to my health and body.
- Learn to manage my time effectively so that my grades/schoolwork are not affected by my play.
- Participate in team and Club community service and fundraising events, dedicating time to the team and Club to help nurture team building, growth, club longevity and to be an example to the younger players.
- Use good judgment in the use of social media and will conduct these activities in a responsible and respectful manner. I further agree to abide by these Club guidelines for participating in social media:
  - Be aware that when online, you are on the record and that everything on the internet is public and searchable. Even after you delete something, it is still there somewhere.
  - Never reveal confidential or personal identifiable information. Off-limit topics include but are not limited to litigation, non-published financials, team and individual player strategies, unreleased proprietary information, and personal information (address, birthdate, etc.)
  - Do not 'slam' or criticize the competition, the team, or the Club.
  - Do not overshare – once you hit "share" you cannot get it/take it back. Be in the right state of mind when you make a post. Do not post when your judgment is impaired.
  - Avoid topics that may be considered objectionable or inflammatory, including comments about drug use, profanity, off-color or sexual humor, ethnic slurs or personal insults.

I, the undersigned, understand that any violation of this Player Code of Conduct may result in disciplinary actions from the Team and the Club Board of Directors, from a reprimand up to and including release/removal from the Club, depending on the severity of the violation(s).

I have read and agree to uphold the Team and Club Independent (CI) Player Code of Conduct – CI-POL-004:

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Player's Signature

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Date