

# **Sampson County Soccer Club (SCS)**

## **Mission Statement**

The goal of the Sampson County Soccer Club is to provide a safe and positive soccer environment while developing talented youth players in which each individual athlete can learn the values of sportsmanship, teamwork, self-discipline, loyalty, tolerance, and perseverance. The goal is for players to put soccer into a proper perspective by taking and using the skills and lessons they are learning and being able to use these skills and lessons throughout their lives.

## **Coaches Vision**

The coaches are committed to contributing to the Sampson County Soccer Club by teaching fundamentals and mechanics of the game of soccer through an organized and disciplined atmosphere while representing themselves as positive role models to the club, community, and the athletes they are coaching. Coaches seek to provide an equal opportunity for all soccer players to participate in a competitive environment that develops a player's skills, knowledge and appreciation for the game of soccer by incorporating the best training, structure and development through positive coaching.

## **Codes of Conduct** **Players/Coaches**

As a player and coach under the Sampson County Soccer Club guidelines I will:

1. Respect players, teammates, coaches, officials, parents and club officials in each and every match through victory and defeat.
2. Work for the good of my team and give my best effort at all times. (Stay Positive).
3. Show respect for the authority of the referee, even though I will sometimes disagree at times.
4. Show good sportsmanship before, during, and after games. Understand that soccer is a game, and that the players on the other team are my opponents, not my enemies.
5. Conduct myself with honor and dignity and treat other players as I would like to be treated.
6. Help my parents and fans understand the rules of the game so they can watch and enjoy the game better. I will be sure they understand that dissent is not appropriate or permitted.
7. Control my temper and not retaliate, even if I believe I have been wronged.
8. Do not use or possess tobacco, alcohol, illegal or performance-enhancing drugs.
9. Be honest in all my dealings with coaches, players, and parents. Learn from your mistakes.
10. Be supportive of teammates. Make the most of the season. Let your efforts characterize who you

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**Parents**

As a parent under the Sampson County Soccer Club guidelines I will:

1. Support your child by giving encouragement and showing interest in his/her team. Help your child work toward skill improvement and good sportsmanship in every game. Teach your child that hard work and an honest effort are often more important than victory.
2. Be a positive role model on the sidelines. Do not criticize any child's performance from the sidelines. Accept the results of each game. Teach your child to be gracious in victory or defeat.
3. Don't be a sideline coach or referee. Refrain from coaching or refereeing from the sidelines. Parents who shout or scream from the sidelines often give inappropriate advice at the wrong time. The coach should be the only sideline voice. **Encourage Don't Coach**
4. Demonstrate a positive environment to the opposing team and families. Take care to show good hospitality at home and to represent SCS in a positive way when playing other clubs. Stay cool and remain calm.
5. Remember your child is participating not you. Let your children experience the fun of playing as well as the challenge of excelling.
6. Not criticize the referee openly or directly, during or after game.
7. Show the quality of our sportsmanship during and after each game and help our child remember to thank the referee after the match without regard to the result.
8. Support the learning efforts of the players, the coaches, and the referees by demonstrating your patience.
9. Understand that the leagues can, and will if necessary, suspend your individual privilege to watch your child play should we behave in a manner that is rude or otherwise offensive.
10. Never approach a coach directly after a match. Schedule a meeting. Use the 24-hour rule to collect your thoughts and cool-off. Time and patience will be a better solution to voice your concerns.

Player Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Coach Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_