

# **MUSKOKA UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB - CODE OF CONDUCT: PLAYERS**

I will play soccer because I want to, not because others want me to.

I will play by the rules of soccer, and in the spirit of the game.

I will always show respect for all coaches, all referees, all players, all spectators, and all club officials.

I will control my temper. I will not fight or use foul or abusive language or inappropriate gestures.

I will be a team player. I know that winning isn't everything - having fun, playing fair, improving my skills, making friends, and doing my best are all important.

I will acknowledge all good play - that of my team-mates and of my opponents.

I understand that Coaches are there to coach and not to improve my behaviour. If I am found to be behaving badly, my coach is permitted to remove me from the event. Furthermore, the responsibility of my behaviour outside of team-sanctioned events is not that of team staff but is the responsibility myself, and of my family or guardian.

I will never take part in a practice, game, or team event while under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol.

I will not take part in any form of bullying, either to an opposing player or to a player on my team. Bullying in any form, whether in person or electronically (any form of social media) will not be tolerated.

I recognize that practices and games are equally important.

I will arrive at the field before practices and games according to the standards set by my team Coach. If I cannot make a game or practice,

I will notify the team Coach at least 48 hours in advance so that arrangements for substitutes can be made.

I realize that players who attend practices may get priority in the game starting line-up. Starting line-ups are based on several factors including attendance at practices, player's position, effort, attitude, etc.

I agree to participate in and apply myself to any character development training the club mandates.

I will turn off all electronic devices (cell phones, video games, etc.) before arrival at my practice, game or team event and leave them off until I am finished.

I realize that playing time is not always going to be equal despite my coach's attempt to equalize. In fact, some teams (higher level Competitive teams) are permitted to use an "earned playing time" system. At the development and recreation levels, playing time shall be equitable.

I will leave all venues as neat and tidy as I found them and will remove all refuse from my area.

I will take good care of my uniform and wear it only on game days.

I will ensure my jersey is always tucked in as required by the laws of the game.

I will wear shin guards, socks, appropriate footwear, and bring my own water bottle to all games and practices. At practices, I will wear approved attire, such as an athletic shirt and shorts as determined by my coach.

I understand that rolling up my shorts to reduce their size, wearing short tops to expose my midriff, or exposing my bare shoulders is inappropriate soccer attire.

I will abide by Club rules and remove all jewelry for practices and games (except for medically approved bracelets and eye wear).