



# PLAYER PARENT RESPONSIBILITIES



Dear Player/Parent(s),

Congratulations on being selected to join the competitive program of FC Sarasota. We are confident that this will be an enjoyable season for you and your family. It is important that you are fully aware of the commitments that FC Sarasota is making to you as well as the expectations and obligations that accepting the position offered require of you. I strongly recommend that the following information be read carefully prior to signing. By signing below you acknowledge that you understand the expectations as they relate to you and FC Sarasota.

- While there is NO guarantee of minimum playing time in our competitive program, coaches will play everyone. **Our aim is to develop ALL players and allow them the opportunity to show what they can do.**
- The only people allowed on the field for training and matches are the players and coaches.
- Do not make training and/or matches stressful for your child. Remember 'player development with enjoyable experiences on the field'. The best thing you can do to support your child is to let them have free, relaxed play.
- Coaches give their players specific instructions. Please do not attempt to coach from the touchline. If you want to coach please contact Tech Staff as we are always looking for qualified people.  
On no account must you approach a coach on the field after a game or training session. If an issue arises wait 24 hours and then arrange an appointment with the coach so you can both sit down and talk about it. If you are not satisfied after this, then contact Graham Hutton [grahamhutton@hotmail.com](mailto:grahamhutton@hotmail.com)  
Please do not contact FCS Technical Staff directly and undermine the position of a coach. Follow the procedure.
- 'Guest' playing for another club is not permitted. An exception may be made, without precedence being set, in the case of a showcase event that the FCS team is not attending. This must be approved by the FCS Technical Staff.
- 'Guest' playing within the club must be agreed by both coaches and be approved by FCS Technical Staff
- Being a competitive player requires that you take on more responsibility and show dedication. Therefore team training sessions are mandatory. Missing one session could result in the player missing the first half of a game. Missing two sessions in one week could result in the player missing a whole game. No show for a game will result in a one game suspension. In the event of an unresolved issue with this rule the coach, not the parent, will make FCS Technical Staff aware of the situation. In exceptional circumstances allowances may be made without precedence being set.
- Injured players will attend training.
- In the event of a red card suspension a player will dress in uniform and attend games suspended from.
- All players should arrive for training on time, dressed appropriately (with shin pads!), with a ball of suitable size (inflated) and a water bottle.
- Parents ARE NOT PERMITTED to select and take players to tournaments
- Each player and parent must read and sign the FYSA Code of Ethics below and agree to abide by those requirements.

## FYSA CODE OF ETHICS

The following is the official 'Code of Ethics' adopted by the Florida Youth Soccer Association (FYSA). FC Sarasota has also adopted this document and it should be noted that **all players, parents, volunteers, coaches and trainers are bound by this code.** Violating this can cause the coach, player, parent etc to be banned from attending SUSL sponsored events. There is no excuse for losing your temper, bad conduct or poor behavior. Please govern yourself accordingly.

**COACHES/PARENTS/SPECTATORS**

- I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, game officials and administrators at all times.
- I will place the emotional and physical well being of all players ahead of any desire to win.
- I will support the coaches, officials, and administrators working with my child, in order to encourage a positive and enjoyable experience for all.
- I will remember that the game is for the players, not for the adults.
- I will ask my child to treat other players, coaches, game officials, administrators, and fans with respect.
- I will always be positive.
- I will always allow the coach to be the only coach.
- I will not get into arguments with the opposing team’s parents, players, or coaches.
- I will not come onto the field for any reason during the game.
- I will not criticize game officials
- Alcohol, illegal drugs and unauthorized prescription drugs shall not be possessed, consumed or distributed before, during or after any game or at any time while at the field and/or game complex.

**PLAYERS**

- I will encourage good sportsmanship from fellow players, coaches, officials and parents at all times.
- I will remember that soccer is an opportunity to learn and have fun.
- I deserve to play in an environment that is free of drugs, tobacco and alcohol; and expect everyone to refrain from their use at all soccer games.
- I will do the best I can each day, remembering that all players have talents and weaknesses the same as I do.
- I will treat my coaches, other players and coaches, game officials, other administrators, and fans with respect at all times; regardless of race, sex, creed, or abilities, and I will expect to be treated accordingly.
- I will concentrate on playing soccer, always giving my best effort.
- I will play by the rules at all times
- I will at all times control my temper, resisting the temptation to retaliate.
- I will always exercise self control
- Conduct during competitions towards play of the game and all officials shall be in accordance with appropriate behavior and in accordance with FIFA’s ‘Laws of the Game’, and in adherence to FYSA rules.
- While traveling, all persons shall conduct themselves so as to bring credit to themselves and their team.
- Alcohol, illegal drugs and unauthorized prescription drugs shall not be possessed, consumed or distributed before, during or after any game or at any time while at the field and/or game complex Failure to comply may result in the suspension of your privilege to participate in FYSA sanctioned events, for the following periods:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> offense: Suspension for a minimum of thirty (30) days to a maximum of five (5) years.
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> offense: Suspension for a minimum of One (1) year to a maximum of ten (10) years.
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> offense: Suspension for a minimum of five (5) years to a maximum of fifty (50) years.

Thank you for your support in what we are trying to achieve at our club,  
FCS Technical Staff

Upon signing this document you accept the offer of a position with Storm and are bound by the responsibilities stated above and by the FYSA code of conduct.

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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

