



TNFC 2011 / 2012

Select Team Code of Conduct & Rules

The following code of conduct expectations and rules apply to all members of the Tennessee Futbol Club (TNFC). In addition to the following guidelines and rules, each TNFC Select Team may have its own rules of conduct, policies and guidelines. In the event of conflicting regulations, the Club rules will supersede all individual team rules.

1. TNFC's select program is a **full year commitment**, running ten to twelve months, depending upon the team. Team rosters are updated annually through a tryout process.
2. Player use of alcohol, tobacco, or drugs is strictly prohibited and will result in disciplinary action including dismissal from the team. Parental, coach or trainer use of any of the above listed substances on or near the playing or practice field is also prohibited.
3. Players should strive constantly for high academic achievement and scholastic standing. Players need to know that in order to participate in high school athletics, TSSAA requirements state that five (5) subjects must be passed in the semester prior to player participation in any high school sport. Also, academic achievement will be the athlete's best ally or worst enemy when pursuing the college of his/her choice. Coaches may periodically ask players for a copy of his/her report cards.
4. Player Yellow and Red card infractions will be monitored by the Director of Coaching. Consistent offenders will be subject to disciplinary measures up to and including dismissal from the team.
5. Disruptive behavior, such as excessive horseplay, abusive or profane language, fighting, belittling teammates, arguing with the players, coaches or referees will not be tolerated and may result in disciplinary measures up to and including player dismissal from the team.
6. All team practices, meetings and activities are essential for player development. The coach and team manager must be notified as far in advance as possible in each instance in which a player is unable to attend a scheduled team activity.
7. Playing time is not automatic, it is earned. The coach will determine an individual player's actual playing time. The coaching staff will provide adequate playing time over the length of a season for continued player development, but not necessarily the same amount of time in each game or tournament.
8. Players and parents will treat coaches, other players, game officials, administrators, and other parents with respect at all times: regardless of race, sex, creed, or ability. This applies to all forms of communication including electronic and internet based communication platforms. Failure to treat others with respect will not be tolerated and may result in disciplinary measures up to and including player and/or parent dismissal from the team.
9. Parents shall avoid "reply all" email chains with concerns and shall contact the coach or TNFC directly to discuss such concerns
10. Be considerate of other guests within hotels. Remember, our behavior, adult or child is a reflection of the community and TNFC. Parents should monitor and know where their children are at all times.



11. Parents are not to coach the players from the sidelines during the games.
12. Upon execution of the Permission to Roster Commitment Form, parents are also committing to making on-time payments to their individual team manager/team treasurer for all associated team costs including monthly TNFC Club Dues. Failure to maintain timely team payments can result in a player's suspension until team fees are paid in full.
13. Parents are strongly encouraged to support the team during games and matches. Always maintain a positive attitude. Only positive, encouraging comments are appropriate. Negative comments about parents, players, coaches, referees and teams are inappropriate. Abusive parents or players will not be tolerated and may result in disciplinary measures up to and including player and/or parent dismissal from the team.
14. Open communication between parents and coaches is essential and encouraged. Parents are permitted to contact the coach **48 hours after the last game** to discuss their child's playing situation. If the matter cannot be resolved between the coach and the parent, then the gender specific Technical Director and / or DOC become involved to help resolve any concerns or issues. Parents are not permitted to approach the coach about playing time directly after the completion of any game.
15. At no time should a parent approach the coach during a game. All parents should stay on the opposite side of the field at all times. No parent should come onto the field for any reason during the game. Players have more need for good examples than for criticism. Adults are expected to relieve the pressure of the competitions, not increase it.
16. Parents shall strictly adhere to TN Soccer and league rules pertaining to recruitment.

As a parent and player of a TNFC Select Soccer Team, I understand the requirements for participating and agree to support and abide by these guidelines and rules.

Player _____

Date _____

Parent _____

Date _____

Team _____

Age/Gender _____