

# ELITE F.C.

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## Parent Code of Conduct Fall Season 2009

Thank you for being a part of the Elite F.C. soccer organization. As a parent/spectator, your involvement in the soccer experience is not only important, but has a tremendous impact in determining the type of experience all participants have on the field. As such, we have developed some key responsibilities, which we need you to understand and embrace as a parent/spectator in order to provide the most positive experience for coaches, players, and parents throughout the season.

### Responsibilities of the Parent/Spectator:

- **Set an example by demonstrating the highest standards of sportsmanship at all times.** Refrain from foul language, alcohol and tobacco consumption (illegal in all city parks) and verbal abuse of players, coaches, referees, opponents or spectators. \* Any aggressive or intrusive physical contact with other parents, coaches or referees will be grounds for immediate dismissal from the team. All parents need to contribute to a positive environment and promote a healthy lifestyle for our young athletes. It is our goal for Elite F.C. 's parents to represent the club in a positive light and to maintain respectable behavior at all times. This is important for recruiting purposes and for the future of the club.
- **Actively participate in the games.** Watch, cheer and support the efforts of all players. Do NOT instruct your player, this can lead to confusion, puts them under even more pressure and it does affect their performance which may in turn affect playing time. During game time I am giving them special instructions on and off the field. Ex. We don't always want to go forward, many times we "drop" the ball back to maintain possession. Mistakes WILL happen, you WILL be disappointed at times, try not to sigh or make other negative noises.
- **Maintain a professional and respectful relationship with your child's coaches.** Always treat the coaching staff with respect. Just as you have professional careers, we have chosen to take our job seriously by furthering our coaching education and acting in a professional manner. Never confront a head coach or assistant coach during or immediately after a game. Wait for a 24-hour "cooling off" period and then contact the coach to discuss your concerns. Avoid "reply all" e-mail chains when you have concerns and deal with the coach directly.
- **Always sit on the opposite side of the field as the team.** No family member should come to the teams' side of the field at any time before, during, or after games or practices until the team is released after the post-game talk. The only exception to this is if a player is injured and the coaches summon the parent(s). Many times at practice we have things set up ahead of time in order to transition from one activity to another. However, helping take down goals after practice is welcomed!
- **Avoid criticizing coaches, officials, and your player.** Remember that everyone is doing his or her best to provide your child with a positive soccer experience. Leave it to the coaches to teach your child how to improve; it is not your job to criticize. Instead, be a constant source of positive reinforcement, support, and self-confidence.
- **Do not coach or instruct players during practices or games.** Instruction is the coach's responsibility. Many times coaches are asking them to do something in the game that does not seem "right" or running an activity that does not look like the real game. Coaches may be putting special restrictions on the game or training activity such as 5 passes before you go to goal. If you would like to know more about an activity feel free to ask me and I will explain its' value and purpose. Instructing is detrimental to both your players' and the teams' performance.

**All parents of Elite F.C. players are asked to agree and abide by the following statements:**

I hereby pledge to provide positive support, care, and encouragement for my child by following this Code of Conduct. I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, and officials at every game, practice, or other soccer event. I will provide support for coaches and officials working with my child to provide a positive, enjoyable experience for all. I will ask my child to treat other players, coaches, fans, and officials with respect regardless of race, sex, creed, or ability.

I have read and understand the Elite F.C. Soccer parent/spectator responsibilities:

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
Date:

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
Date:

Non-compliance with any aspects of the Parent Code of Conduct will result in the following:

1<sup>st</sup> time: Warning by coaches

2<sup>nd</sup> time: You will be asked to leave the training session or game

3<sup>rd</sup> time: A meeting will be held with Elite F.C. Directors and Staff, possible dismissal of your child from the team.  
(No refunds are provided)