

# Pacific United FC

## **Sports Ethics Policy**

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### **Soccer Code of Ethics**

#### **MISSION STATEMENT**

Parents, players, coaches, fans game officials and administrators should work together to make Pacific United FC such a positive experience that everyone involved is better off for having participated. Our athletic fields should be our children's field of Dreams. Our participation should help us all to acquire a better sense of fair play, respect for others, sharing and addressing the needs of the groups, without losing sight of those of the individual. We should strive to enhance our youngster's confidence, self-esteem, and enjoyment of sports.

#### **TAUNTING POLICY**

Taunting includes any action comments by coaches, or spectators which are intended to bait, anger, embarrass, ridicule, or demean others, whether the deeds or words are vulgar or racist. Included is conduct that berates, needles, intimidates, or threatens, based on race, gender, ethnic origin or background, or conduct that attacks religious beliefs, size, economic status, family, special needs, or personal matters.

At all game sites and tournament venues, appropriate management may give spectators one warning for taunting. Thereafter, spectators who taunt players, coaches, game officials, or other spectators are subject to ejection.

#### **CODE OF ETHICS FOR PLAYERS**

##### **RESPECT**

- Know all the rules of their sport. Have respect for the game.
- Respect and cooperate with their coaches, officials, teammates, administrators, opponents, and parents. Players are influenced by their parent's attitude and their coach's commitment.
- Players should know, understand and honor the commitments that they and their parents have made to coaches, teams, and leagues.
- Respect equipment and playing sites. Do not destroy or steal anything, and properly dispose of any trash.
- Expect to be treated fairly and with respect from all involved.
- Behave properly in transit and at away games in other towns. One is representing their team and, more importantly, their town.

##### **SPORTSMANSHIP:**

- Respect for other teams' players and coaches. There must be a handshake before the start of all games.

**INVOLVEMENT:**

- Always try their best to be a good player and person interacting with others. Lead by example, both players and coaches.
- Do not show off, talk trash, or taunt anyone (players, referees, coaches).
- Players need to be involved with the game and stay in the designated area for the team next to the coach.

**INFLUENCE:**

- It's only a game; play to enjoy the game and to enjoy life.
- Respect team and league rules on the field and concerning presence of, and use of tobacco, alcohol, and behavior beyond the field or court and after the game is over. Expect coaches, parents, fans, game officials, and administrators to provide an environment where they can learn their sport, be safe, and have fun.

**CODE OF ETHICS FOR PARENTS**

- I will not force my child to participate in sports. However, if involved, will practice commitment and dedication.
- Review the rules with your child and explain why they are important.
- Congratulate your child for playing fairly and trying hard. He will learn the value of honesty and integrity.
- Let coaches coach: Most adults volunteer to coach because they love coaching the sport. Respect the coaches. They are volunteers.
- Congratulate the opponents when they win. Be a good sportsman.
- Thank the coaches, officials, and other volunteers who conducted the event.
- I will never ridicule or yell at my child or other participants for making a mistake or losing a competition. Encourage their effort in private.
- I will / emphasize skill development and practices and how they benefit my child over winning. I will also de-emphasize game and competition in the lower age groups.
- I will promote the emotional and physical well being for the athletes ahead of any personal desire I may have for my child to win.
- I will remember that children participate to have fun and that the game is for youth, not adults.
- I will inform the coach of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others.
- I will learn the rules of the game and the policies of the league. Abide by the code of ethics.
- I (and my guests) will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player, or parent such as booing and taunting, refusing to shake hands; or using profane language or gestures.

- I will not encourage any behavior or practices that would endanger the health and well being of the athletes.
- I will teach my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
- I will demand that my child treat other players, coaches, officials, and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, color, sex, or ability. Show good sportsmanship.
- I will teach my child that doing ones best is more important than winning, so that my child will never feel defeated by the outcome of a game or his/her performance.
- I will respect the officials and their authority during games and will never question, discuss, or confront coaches at the game field, and will take time to speak with coaches at an agreed upon time and place. This should be done in private and out of earshot of children.
- I will demand a sports environment for my child that is free from drugs, tobacco, and alcohol, and I will absolutely refrain from their use at all sports events.
- I will refrain from coaching my child or other players during games and practices, unless I am one of the official coaches of the team. Be a fan, not a parent.

#### **CODE OF ETHICS FOR COACHES**

- Develop a strategy to implement and monitor the sportsmanship policies of the league.
- Mandatory coaches' clinic.
- Provide a safe environment for participants.
- Coaches are responsible for a child's safety.
- Be sure that all persons involved are aware of rules and regulations. Coaches code of conduct.
- Support and acknowledge participants, coaches, and fans that display good sportsmanship.
- Attend as many of your scheduled games and practices to fulfill your coaching responsibility.
- Serve as a positive role model and create a positive atmosphere to allow participants to demonstrate the highest level of sportsmanship.
- Insist that the behavior of all involved will be positive and sportsmanlike.

#### **CODE OF ETHICS FOR OFFICIALS**

- Stay in good standing in your officials association. Go to officials clinics and rules interpretation meetings. Stay current.
- Work with your parents. Know your individual and team game responsibilities.
- Be punctual. Follow your associations and leagues guidelines concerning pre-game and post-game responsibilities.

- Dress properly. Look sharp. Follow the league and association guidelines to the letter concerning uniforms and equipment, while providing a safe environment for participants.
- Be decisive. Be confident. Be proud. Carry yourself with integrity, humility, and honesty.
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#### **CODE OF ETHICS FOR FANS**

- Tobacco and alcohol products should not be used at a game or practice site.
- Show respect for public property.
- Pay attention to the game and do not disturb those around you.
- Treat the contest as a game not a war
- Encourage those around you to display good sportsmanship.
- Show good judgment. Be positive in your actions and words toward players, coaches, officials, and other fans.
- Try to learn the rules of the game so that you may understand and appreciate why certain things take place. League should help to educate.
- Obey officials and league administrators who are responsible for keeping order
- Always stay off the playing field during games.
- Refrain from coaching any player.
- Realize that it is a privilege to watch a child participating in any sport.
- Practice empathy to the other fans and participants.