



# Parental/ Guardian Code of Conduct

\*\*\* Please read both front & back \*\*\*

The mission of Blount United Soccer Club (BUSC) is “to provide excellence in soccer training and development for the youth of Blount County... BUSC is founded on the principles of Fair Play, Sportsmanship, and Community Spirit. We strive to provide a constructive, unified program that enhances individual character and club pride... By furnishing the best possible facilities, coaches, and officials we will enable our players to grow their skills and passion for the game while preparing them for [the future].”

The purpose of this “Code of Conduct” is to reinforce the behaviors that result in a fun filled experience for your child and others.

## **As a parent or guardian:**

1. I WILL remember that the game is for the players, not adults.
2. I WILL teach my child that doing their best is more important than winning, so that my child will never feel defeated by the outcome of a game.
3. I WILL teach my child to be humble in victory and gracious in defeat.
4. I WILL emphasize character & skill development and how it will benefit my child over winning.
5. I WILL be a positive role model for my child and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, officials and spectators at every game or practice.
6. I WILL respect the officials and their authority during games.
7. I WILL allow the coach to be the constructive influence on my child and team that he/ she is trained to be.
8. I WILL demand a sports environment for my child that is free from drugs, tobacco, and alcohol and I will refrain from their use at all events.
9. I WILL consider ways to support Blount United Soccer Club, such as attending work days, fund raising events, and open meetings.

## **As a parent or guardian:**

1. I WILL NOT ridicule or yell at my child or other participants, nor will I coach my child or other players from the sideline during games and practices.
2. I WILL NOT encourage any behaviors that endanger the health and well-being of the athletes.
3. I 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, or any actions that conflict with the Laws of the Game.
4. I WILL NOT criticize or engage in negative comments amongst parents. Any issues of concern should be made directly to the team manager and/or coach respectively in private. If not satisfied with the response from the team manager or coach, please contact the Director of Coaches (DOC) or a member of the BUSC Board of Directors.

## Disciplinary Actions for Violations

The team manager and/ or coach will initially address any violations. He/ she may also decide at that time to contact the Club risk management coordinator to discuss further.

1. 1st offense: Parent/ Guardian will be issued a written warning and a reminder as to the code and what specifically they violated.
2. 2nd offense: Meeting with Club officer(s) to discuss the plan of action and consequences for the violation. Options include, but are not limited to fines and/or match bans- (meaning parent or guardian not allowed on field of play)or (must remain in car)
3. 3rd offense: Options include but are not limited to season ban or club removal.

The Club risk management coordinator and officers may at their discretion move ahead with more immediate disciplinary action if deemed necessary.

I agree to follow the Parental/ Guardian Code of Conduct as described and I understand the disciplinary actions that may incur as a result of violations.

Players Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/ Guardian 1: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/ Guardian 2: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Code of Conduct must be reviewed, signed, and returned to team manager.