



Player Code of Conduct

The Abbotsford United Soccer Club (AUSC) Player Code of Conduct establishes a clear set of guidelines and principles for all players within the club. The primary goal of the Code of Conduct is to ensure that we create a learning environment that is fun, positive, safe and enjoyable, while adhering to the principles of the AUSC Player First Development Philosophy.

The Code of Conduct is based on the concept of Fair Play, defined by five (5) basic principles:

1. Respect for the Laws of the Game.
2. Respect for the Game Officials and their decisions.
3. Respect for all participants, including team-mates, coaches and opponents.
4. Participation
5. Maintaining self-control at all times.

Players will be judged based on their performance on and off the field of play, as an individual and as a member of a team. Their personal conduct, both in and out of competition reflects upon the club/program and their team's image. It is the responsibility of the players and coaches to safeguard the reputation and pride of those who they represent.

Player Guidelines

1. The Player agrees to dress and wear appropriate attire whenever he/she is representing AUSC and to conduct themselves, at all times, in a manner that will be a credit to the Club/Program/Team.
2. Respect and consideration must be shown towards all AUSC Staff, the public and all volunteers who are involved with hosting a training session, game or tournament.
3. Players are reminded that in most instances, they are guests and should always conduct themselves as such.
4. Players must adhere to any rules set out by AUSC and/or Team Coaching Staff, governing curfew at all functions and events.
5. The use of tobacco, consumption or possession of alcohol and illegal substances will not be tolerated. Zero tolerance is in effect.



Code of Conduct – Players

1. I will participate because I want to, not just because my parents or coaches want me to.
2. I will play within the Laws of the Game and in the spirit of the game.
3. I will remember that participation in sports is a privilege, not a right and that I am expected to represent my Club/Team/Coach and team-mates with honor, both on and off the field. Consistently exhibit good character and conduct myself as a positive role model for younger players.
4. I will live and play with class; be a good sport; be gracious in victory and accept defeat with dignity; give fallen opponents help, compliment extraordinary performance, show sincere respect in pre and post-game rituals.
5. I will not engage in disrespectful conduct of any sort including profanity, obscene gestures and offensive remarks of a sexual or racial nature, trash-talking, taunting, boastful celebrations or other actions that demean individuals or the sport.
6. I will exercise self-control; I will not fight or show excessive displays of anger or frustration and will have the strength to overcome the temptation to retaliate.
7. I will show respect for coaches, game officials, team-mates and opposing players at all times. Infractions that occur during the game are governed by the Laws of the Game and will be decided by the appointed game official/s.
8. I will treat all game officials with respect; I will not complain about or argue with a game official's calls or decisions during or after the match.
9. I will remember that winning isn't everything – that having fun, improving my skills, making friends and doing my best are also important.
10. I will not attend any team function (meetings, social event, training or game) under the influence of, or in possession of illicit drugs, alcohol or tobacco.

PLAYER NAME: TEAM/GENDER/LEVEL:

SIGNATURE: DATE:

FIFA Fair Play

1. Play to win
2. Play fair
3. Observe the Laws of the Game
4. Respect opponents, team-mates, all match officials and spectators
5. Accept defeat with dignity
6. Promote the interests of football
7. Reject corruption, drugs, racism, violence and other dangers to our sport. Football's huge popularity sometimes makes it vulnerable to negative outside interests.
8. Help others to resist corrupting pressures.
9. Denounce those who attempt to discredit our sport.
10. Honor those who defend football's good reputation.

