



Pacific Northwest Soccer Club Player Code of Conduct

1. **PLAY FAIR:** Winning is without value if victory has been achieved unfairly or dishonestly. Cheating is easy, but brings no pleasure. Playing fair requires courage and character, and is also more satisfying. Fair play always has its reward, even when the game is lost.
2. **OBSERVE THE LAWS OF THE GAME:** All games need rules to guide them. The rules of soccer are simple and easy to learn. Make an effort to learn them so you understand the game better. This makes you a better player. It is just as important to understand the spirit of the rules. They are designed to make the game fun to play and fun to watch. By sticking to the rules, every player will enjoy the game more.
3. **PLAY TO WIN:** Winning is the objective of playing any game. Never set out to lose and always put forth your best effort whether playing in a game or a training session. If you do not give your best effort you are cheating your teammates, your opponents and yourself. Never give up against stronger opponents and never relent against the weaker opponents. Each time we step on the field we are not competing against the other team, we are competing against our own, best selves.
4. **RESPECT OPPONENTS, TEAMMATES, COACHES, REFEREES, GOVERNING OFFICIALS, AND SPECTATORS:** Fair play means respect. Without opponents, there can be no game. They have the same rights as you have, including the right to be respected. You and your teammates form a team in which all members are equal. Referees are there to maintain discipline and Fair Play. Always accept their decisions without arguing and help them to help you enjoy the game more.
5. **WIN AND LOSE WITH DIGNITY:** Nobody wins all the time. You will win some games and you will lose others. Win and lose graciously. Always try to win and don't seek excuses for defeat. If you win, congratulate your opponent for a good effort. If you lose, don't look to pass the blame on the referee or anyone else. Congratulate your opponent with good grace and determine to use training to improve upon your last performance.
6. **PROMOTE THE BEST INTEREST OF PACNW PREMIER SOCCER CLUB:** PacNW is a great soccer club but it always needs your help to improve. Think of PacNW interests before your own. Think how your actions may affect your club, your team and yourself. Don't participate in any activity that would discredit or harm PacNW or its image. Encourage your teammates, parents and coaches to do the same. You are the ambassador for our club.
7. **REJECT CORRUPTION, DRUGS, ALCOHOL, VIOLENCE AND OTHER DANGERS THAT COULD BRING DISCREDIT TO YOURSELF AND PACNW:** Drugs and alcohol have no place in PacNW or in the game of soccer. Say No to Drugs. Treat all people involved in our club and our sport equally. Conduct yourself on and off the field in a manner that promotes good sportsmanship. Don't engage in any behavior that may put our club, your teammates, or yourself in a position of discredit or danger.
8. **OBSERVE CLUB RULES AND GUIDELINES WHEN TRAVELING:** Traveling with your team can be very rewarding to a player, but also has some risk. Use common sense and show respect to the chaperones in charge of your care including team curfews and other travel rules. Observe local ordinances and respect hotel property and their guests. Club hotel rules such as opposite gender guests must be strictly observed, and failure to understand and follow rules may result in loss of privileges and/or suspension.

I understand and agree that my conduct can be evaluated by the PacNW Coaching staff and that any misconduct may be brought before the Board or Ethics Committee for action deemed appropriate by such governing body can include dismissal from the Club.

Player Name (Print)

Players Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Name (Print)

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date