

# Club Futebol: Player Behavior

- Arrive on time. Players should arrive, at a minimum, 10 minutes before practice and 30 minutes before games. Tardiness or absence without notification or good cause may result in reduced playing time.
- Dress appropriately. The proper equipment should be worn, along with sufficient clothing in cold weather. A water bottle should also be brought, no matter what the weather.
- Leave the jewelry at home. For safety reasons, absolutely no jewelry should be worn to play soccer at any time. This includes hair clips as well.
- Check glasses and mouth guards. Sports glasses are recommended for those who require glasses. Mouth guards are used according to the advice of a dentist or orthodontist.
- Tie back your hair. Long hair should not be loose. In general, hair should not be in the face.
- Show respect. Players must respect coaches and officials and exhibit good sportsmanship to all others involved in the game.
- Have a water bottle and anything you will need for practice or games in your club bag. Make sure to have the name of the owner on the water bottle. Use a permanent marker, if possible. Label those water bottles!
- Make sure to throw away your empty water bottles or other garbage after practice and games.
- Offer to help. Younger players should expect that parents/guardians will assist them in following the code of conduct. Verbalize your intention to help.
- Be responsible for yourself. Older players should fill their own water bottles, carry their own bags, and be dressed and ready to go on time.
- Chow down. Players should make sure they are properly fed and hydrated for both practices and games.
- Learn and observe the Law of Soccer and league rules.
- Treat other players as you wish to be treated - do not abuse or ridicule other players, officials, coaches or spectators. Control your play and discipline yourself. Do not play wildly and jeopardize your safety or that of other players. Hold your temper and control your anger. Play clean and fair. Use your skill and talent. Don't cheat.
- Listen to your coaches and accept their advice with respect.
- Respect referees and linemen - do not question their decisions.

-Give the ball promptly to your opponent for their throw-ins, free kicks, etc. Do not stall by withholding the ball or encroaching on free kicks.

-Win with grace and lose with dignity. You, your club, and your association will be judged by your behavior.

- I the player will give 100% effort at every practice and game with all intentions of becoming a better team and individual player.

**We, the undersigned, have read, understand and agree to abide by the above guidelines.  
We agree to accept actions taken for failure to abide by these guidelines.**

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Signature of player

Date

## **Club Futebol: Parent Behavior**

At Club Futebol, the image that we present on the sideline is very important to us. Other players, parents and referees very often judge us by how we behave on the sideline. We feel we have some of the most respectful, well-behaved parents in the State and we would like this to continue.

Below is a list of reminders regarding sideline behavior on game day. The ultimate benefactors are of course the many young male and female athletes who play for Club Futebol.

--Always be supportive of your child, their teammates and coaches. Remember that every player on the team is a contributing player. Spread your encouragement equitably amongst the team.

--Let the coaches coach. If you are telling your son or daughter – or any other player for that matter – to do something different from what the coach is telling them, you create distraction and confusion. Your role on game day is as a cheerleader and provider of food and drinks.

--Make positive comments from the sideline. The coach will give instructions, either during the game or at halftime and during practices. You will see our players make that extra effort when they hear encouraging words from the sideline about their effort and commitment.

--Absolutely no negative comments about the other team, the other team's players and the other coach. Parents on the 'other' team are not the enemy, neither are the boys or girls on the other team. Negative comments about other young players are not tolerated.

--We will be playing these teams for many years to come. We want to be known as an organization that has good sportsmanship whether we win, lose or draw. The game score will not be remembered. Any arguments or inappropriate comments will not be tolerated.

--Under no circumstances shout anything negative to the referee either during or after the game. The coach is the only person that should communicate with the ref, which is part of the coach's job. Calls will be missed and the outcome of a game can be directly affected by a bad call. The vast majority of referees are putting forward an honest unbiased effort and must be respected.

--Outbursts from parents on the sideline made toward the referees only signal to our own players on the field that they can blame the refs for anything that goes wrong. Blaming others is not a formula for success in sports.

--Yelling out sarcastic comments such as “Good call, ref” or “Thanks, ref” will only serve to alienate an official and are inappropriate.

--Absolutely do not “bribe” or attempt to pump up your child. Allow them to become self-motivated. Do not add pressure or stress to the players on the way to or going home from a game.

--Walking up and down all game along the sidelines, following the play is unnerving to players and totally unnecessary. Pick a spot and stay there for the duration of the game.

--Do not discuss the play of specific players in front of other parents. Negative comments and attitudes are hurtful, totally unnecessary and kill parent harmony, which is essential to the success of our teams. Speak about the positive qualities of a player, family or coach.

--If there is an issue that arises out of a game or training session, you must wait at least 24 hours to cool off before you talk, email, text or communicate with the coach. No exceptions whatsoever.

--Noise makers are allowed but only when a goal is scored for our team.

--Never badger the opposition or argue with their supporters. Be appreciative of good play from both sides.

--After each match, have a positive attitude and show an appreciation for the importance of your child’s effort. Remember that playing the game well is more important than winning.

--Support the team and club by volunteering your services when needed. The only reason your child can play soccer is because of volunteers.

**If in the event that a parent does not follow any of the above rules, the coach and club will try to resolve the issues in a positive manner but will also not hesitate in not inviting individuals back to the club the following season.**

**We, the undersigned, have read, understand and agree to abide by the above guidelines. We agree to accept actions taken for failure to abide by these guidelines.**

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Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date