



Fairmont Soccer Association

Player/Parent

Contract (Code of Conduct)

Welcome to the FSA 2019 Spring Traveling Soccer Season. FSA believes the quality of our association is determined by the attitude of our players, families, coaches and board, both on and off the field. FSA emphasizes player development over winning for the spring/summer season. Our goal is to have our player's participating at the highest level possible while focusing on player development. In order to participate at this level it requires commitment and behavior that goes beyond that of a recreational focus. To help establish and maintain a guideline of standards and behavior, this Player/Parent contract must be read, fully understood and agreed to by all FSA players and parents in order to participate. The combination of supportive parents, quality coaching, volunteering and strong board members equals a successful program.

All participants (player, parent, parents, guardian) of Fairmont Soccer program shall abide by the Club's Code of Conduct at all times. Inappropriate behavior that is determined to violate this Code of Conduct shall result in Disciplinary Action by the FSA Board of Directors, up to and including, without limitation, expulsion from the game/field and or tournament play, and expulsion from the Fairmont Soccer program.

Expectations of Players

FSA Players agree:

- To respect their coaches, teammates, referees opponents and spectators.
- To understand and adhere to the laws and spirit of the game.
- Player development is a key goal for the season however playing time is **not** guaranteed to be equal, but is earned through practice, attitude and participation.
- That the team goal is to compete at the highest level possible and each player will practice and prepare to participate at such level.
- That absences affect the overall team. Coaches plan practice activities around players attending so players unable to attend practices or games will notify their coach.
- To commit to full participation in team activities including practices, league games and tournaments
- Control his/her emotions during practices and games.

- To be on time to practices, games and tournaments. Which means on field ready to go before the start of a practice or game according to guidelines set by the coach.
- To be accountable for his/her own behavior on and off the field.
- To maintain the same high level of commitment in their academics and high school spring sport as required by those teachers and coaches. Academics and high school sports come first, absences because of these will be excused.
- To demonstrate good sportsmanship at all times in games as well as practices.
- To conform to all Policies of FSA and MYSA, specifically:
 1. Illegal drugs and alcohol shall NOT be possessed, consumed or distributed by players.
 2. Smoking is NOT permitted by players.
 3. Violation of 1 or 2 will be mediated by FSA President, coach and rules committee and will result in 2 week or 2 game suspension (whichever is longer) for 1st offense, 3 week or 3 game suspension (whichever is longer) for 2nd offense in a season and disqualification from participation for the rest of the season for 3rd offense. Consequences shall be independent of any action taken by the high school or MSHSL.

Expectations of Parents

FSA Parents agree:

- To show respect to the coaches, players, referees, opponents and spectators
- To show appreciation for good play and refrain from any negative comments.
- To learn and understand the rules of the game.
- To refrain from “coaching” any player from the sidelines, including your own.
- That play time is **not** guaranteed, but earned through practices, attitude and participation. This is based on the coach’s decision.
- To give the coach advanced notice when your player cannot make practices, games and tournaments.
- To get your player to practices, games and tournaments on time.
- To report all injuries, special medical conditions or special circumstances to the coach and this will remain confidential with the coach.
- To adhere to the “24 Hour Rule” before contacting a coach after a game.
- To demonstrate good sportsmanship at all times.
- To encourage and support your player to meet his/her responsibilities.
- The majority of FSA labor force is **VOLUNTEER BASED** and parent volunteer help is expected. Parents will pay a \$100 volunteer deposit that will be destroyed, returned or refunded upon successful completion of working 1 shift per child playing.
- To conform to all policies of FSA and MYSA, specifically:
 1. Drugs and alcohol shall NOT be possessed, consumed or distributed at any FSA practice, game, tournament or event.
 2. Smoking is NOT permitted at any FSA practice, game, tournament or event.

ZERO TOLERANCE

All FSA games are played by youth players, who are learning the skills, tactics and laws of the game. FSA coaches are also learning the skills, tactics and laws of the game. FSA games are refereed by youth and adult referees, who are also learning the skills and responsibilities of officiating the game. Players will make mistakes throughout the game! Similarly, coaches & referees will make mistakes throughout games and the season.

All FSA Players and Parents Agree that:

- Verbal abuse of players, coaches and referees is unacceptable and will not be tolerated.

- FSA will NOT tolerate verbal or non verbal conduct, which questions the referee's authority or criticizes the referee's judgement in making or not making calls during the game.
- There are proper channels to provide feedback regarding a coach and referee's ability and all feedback provided will be to the Coaching Director & Association President and should be constructive in nature.
- Violation of the "Zero Tolerance Policy" may result in a request to leave the field and or further action as determined by FSA President and rules committee.