

# **United Soccer Alliance of Indiana, Pike Youth Soccer Club, Inc. Codes of Conduct** 7/24/13

The Codes of Conduct are intended to serve as guidelines for USA of Indiana teams. They will continue to evolve as USA of Indiana evaluates and strengthens its entire program.

## *Player's Code of Conduct*

*I pledge to accept responsibility for my USA of Indiana experience by following this Player's Code of Conduct:*

- 1. I will demonstrate fair play and good sportsmanship at every practice, game and tournament. I will also encourage fair play and good sportsmanship from other players, coaches, officials, and parents.**
- 2. I will attend every practice and game that I can, and I will notify my coach if I cannot make a practice or game.**
- 3. I will come to practices and games ready to learn. I accept responsibility for bringing any equipment necessary for practice (ball, boots, water, shin guards) and games (same as practice, including team uniforms).**
- 4. I will do my best to listen, watch, and learn from my coaches.**
- 5. I will treat other players, coaches, officials, and fans with respect regardless of race, sex, or ability, and I will expect to be treated accordingly.**
- 6. I deserve to have fun during my soccer experience. I will alert parents or coaches if it stops being fun.**
- 7. I deserve to play in an environment free of drugs, including tobacco and alcohol, and will expect adults to refrain from their use at all practices and games.**
- 8. I will encourage my parents to be involved with my team in some capacity because it is important to me.**
- 9. I will remember I am representing USA of Indiana. Poor behavior during practices, games, or tournaments may result in lost playing time and expulsion from the team.**

## *Coach's Code of Conduct*

*I pledge to accept responsibility for my actions during my USA of Indiana coaching tenure by following this Coach's Code of Conduct:*

- 1. I will place the emotional and physical well-being of my players ahead of a personal desire to win.**
- 2. I will provide a safe playing environment for my players.**
- 3. I promise to review and practice basic first-aid principles needed to treat injuries to my players.**
- 4. I will strive to keep abreast of current learning techniques and knowledge of the game. I will listen and learn from my players and other coaches.**
- 5. I will do my best to organize practices that are fun and challenging to my players.**
- 6. I will lead by example in demonstrating fair play and sportsmanship to all my players.**
- 7. I will provide a soccer environment for my players free of drugs, including tobacco and alcohol, and I will refrain from their use at all practices and games.**
- 8. I will be knowledgeable of the laws of the game, and I will teach them to my players.**
- 9. I will treat parents, players, officials, fans, and other coaches with respect regardless of race, sex, religion, or ability, and I will expect to be treated accordingly.**

## ***Parent's Code of Conduct***

***I pledge to accept responsibility for my actions by following this Parent's Code of Conduct:***

- 1. I will not be a sideline coach or referee. I will provide positive reinforcement, care, and encouragement to my child and his/her teammates. I will also refrain from making negative comments to my child or his/her teammates.**
- 2. I will encourage fair play and good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, and officials at every practice, game, or tournament.**
- 3. I will place the emotional and physical well-being of my child ahead of a personal desire to win.**
- 4. If my child develops a behavior-related problem that repeatedly disrupts practices and/or games, I promise to work with my child's coach to resolve that problem.**
- 5. I will support coaches and officials who instruct my child in order to encourage a positive and enjoyable experience for all.**
- 6. I will not sit or stand on the coaches' and players' sideline during a match, unless invited by the coach.**
- 7. I will demand a soccer environment for my child free of drugs, including tobacco and alcohol, and will refrain from their use at all practices and games.**
- 8. I will remember that the game is for my child and his/her teammates, not for the adults.**
- 9. I will do my very best to make soccer fun for my child.**
- 10. I promise to treat other fans, coaches, players, and officials with respect, regardless of race, sex, or ability.**
- 11. I will remember that as a fan, I represent USA of Indiana. I understand poor behavior during practices, games, or tournaments may result in expulsion from the soccer complex. (I must wait inside or next to my car in the parking area for my son or daughter). If this happens repeatedly, it will result in expulsion from the Club.**
- 12. During the fall and spring outdoor soccer seasons, if my child is invited to play with another soccer team in an indoor or outdoor event, I must notify my child's USA of Indiana coach and get permission from the USA of Indiana coach.**