



VAFC Parents and Players Codes of Conduct

Players and Parents

1. We will honor our sport by remembering the **ROOT** which stands for respect for:
 - **Rules.** We will learn the rules to the best of our ability. Players will always play by the rules and the parents will encourage this of their children.
 - **Officials.** We will not speak to the officials other than thanking them for doing their best and being a part of our game.
 - **Opponents.** We will applaud and congratulate good play by our opponents and never use abusive language towards them, boo them or use profane language or gestures towards them or their fans. We will always shake their hands after a match whether we win or lose.
 - **Teammates.** We will always encourage our teammates to do their best and congratulate them for their play. We will never talk about them either in front of them or behind their back.
2. We will always remember that fair play and trying as hard as you can is more important than winning.

Players

1. I will remember the ELM tree of success which stands for:
 - **Effort.** I will always try my best at practice and in games. I will come to games and practices on time and with all of my equipment ready to play.
 - **Learning.** I will try to learn as much as I can by paying attention to the coach at all times. If I don't understand something I will ask the coach to explain it so that I can learn better.
 - **Mistakes.** I will not be afraid of making mistakes since I cannot learn without trying different things. I will not make fun of my teammates or opponents when they make mistakes.

Parents

1. I will always encourage my child in a positive manner. I will praise my child for competing fairly and trying hard, and make my child feel like a winner every time.
2. I will be responsible for the behavior of any guests that I may invite to a game or practice and encourage them to be as good a role model for the players as I will be at all times.
3. I will refrain from coaching my child or others during practices and games as well as respect and appreciate the time and effort being put forth by the team coach.
4. I will always remember that children participate to have fun and that the game is for youth, not adults.
5. I will emphasize skill development and practices and how they benefit my child over winning.
6. I will always promote the physical and emotional well being of the athletes ahead of any personal desire I may have for my child to win.

We understand that failing to honor these rules of conduct may result in a review possible disciplinary action that could include but is not limited to a verbal warning, game suspension, written warning, game forfeit or season suspension. These actions may apply to players as well as parents.

Player Name _____ Signature _____ Date _____

Parent Name _____ Signature _____ Date _____

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