



PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT

All players are expected to conduct themselves with dignity and respect both on and off the playing field. The Club will not tolerate any unsportsmanlike, negative, or inappropriate conduct or behavior during training sessions, games, tournaments, or any other Club function or event (“Activity”).

As a player you are representing Cherry Hill FC in all Activities and are expected to do nothing that would reflect negatively on the Club. You are responsible for your own actions, and will be held accountable for them.

As a player for the Club, I hereby promise to uphold the following Code of Conduct by:

1. Maintaining a positive attitude during any Activity.
2. Exhibiting good sportsmanship at all times.
3. Conducting myself with class and dignity at all times.
4. Providing encouragement to my fellow teammates at all times.
5. Following the directions of my coaches and trainers.
6. Showing respect to my teammates, coaches, and trainers.
7. Accepting the authority of my coach when instructed or disciplined.
8. Showing respect to and never criticizing opposing players, opposing coaches, and opposing parents.
9. Showing respect to and never criticizing officials.
10. Working to ensure outstanding team chemistry.
11. Being punctual to all practices and games as instructed by my coach.
12. Being willing to play any playing position that is asked of me.
13. Notifying my coaches of any injury, particularly any head injury.
14. Exerting maximum effort during all training sessions and games.
15. Avoiding unexcused absences from practices and games. Permission to be absent from training for reasons other than illness, medical appointment, family emergency, legal obligation, religious observance, or pre-arranged school functions must be obtained from the coach PRIOR to the absence. Any other absence will be considered an unexcused absence.
17. Notifying the coach in the rare event when I will be late to practices or games.
18. Refraining from using foul or degrading language while a player for the Club.
21. Refraining from engaging in any fighting or unsportsmanlike conduct during any Activity.
22. Refraining from any violent conduct or threats of violent conduct.
23. Avoiding all criminal conduct.
24. Avoiding the use of alcohol and drugs.
25. Obeying the laws of the game.
26. Avoiding cheating or engaging in simulation (diving) to give the appearance of a foul to gain an unfair advantage.

The following penalty guidelines apply for failing to adhere to the above Code of Conduct.

After a first time offense for any non-violent or threatening conduct the player will be placed on probation for the balance of the season. A second offense while on probation will result in a more severe penalty, which in certain circumstances may include suspension or expulsion from the Club.

A first time offense for violent or threatening conduct the player will be immediately suspended from the team and placed on probation for the balance of the season. The player shall be immediately removed from the activity and will be suspended until the player and parents of the player meet with the Travel Director and Board of Directors to determine the penalty, which may include, if circumstances and/or repeat offenses warrant, further suspension or expulsion from the Club.

Any unexcused absences from training and/or practice sessions the player shall receive reduced or no playing time until good attendance is reestablished.

Game/Tournament Match Offenses:

Dissent (and/or disrespect) towards any game official: the player will be removed from the match immediately for a cooling off period and possible game(s) suspension to be set by Travel Director in consultation with the Board.

Dissent (and/or disrespect) towards any game official resulting in a yellow card: the player will sit out the remainder of the game and possible game(s) suspension to be set by Travel Director in consultation with the Board.

Dissent (and/or disrespect) towards any game official resulting in a red card: the player will face game(s) suspension as set by Technical Director in consultation with the Board (inclusive of any required League suspension). The player and the player's parents will appear before the Board to explain.

Major fouls resulting in a yellow card: the player will be removed from the game and, at the coach's discretion, may be required to sit out the remainder of the game. A player receiving more than 1 yellow card in a season for major fouls may face additional game(s) suspension to be set by Travel Director in consultation with the Board.

Major fouls resulting in a red card: the player will face Game(s) suspension to be set by Travel Director in consultation with the Board (inclusive of any required League suspension).

General:

All other violations, player will be removed from Activity, with potential for additional penalty to be set by Travel Director in consultation with the Board, which may include, if circumstances and/or repeat offenses warrant, expulsion from the Club.