

# **Tuscaloosa United Soccer Club**

## **Parent Code of Conduct**



Thank you for choosing Tuscaloosa United Soccer Club for the soccer development of your player! We are excited to have your family as members of the Club.

This code of conduct encourages good sportsmanship and treating players, spectators, coaches and referees with respect regardless of the situation. Our members including parents, players, coaches, staff and spectators represent Tuscaloosa United Soccer Club. The actions of each of us affect the image of all of us and the Club. Parents must be role models for the players by exemplifying the highest standards of sportsmanship. The Club exists for the players and their safety, fun, development and love of the game of soccer are our priorities. Below are the guidelines for parents:

1. At all games, parents must stand or sit back at least 4 feet from the sideline. This allows the players and referees to play the sideline and everyone to see the game. Parents and spectators should sit on the opposite sideline of the field from the coach and players.
2. It is not acceptable for parents to coach from the sideline. It is counterproductive because it distracts the players from their decision making on the field and their enjoyment of the game. Cheering and positive encouragement is a natural part of soccer and very much appreciated.
3. Parents and spectators may not criticize their own players, nor the opposing players, coaches or spectators. Only positive comments are permitted. Please cheer in a way to reward good play and fair play from both teams.
4. Parents should show respect for the coaches. Parents should never criticize a coach in a public manner. If a parent has an issue or concern, it should be addressed in a setting away from the players, the field and the game, in a private manner, at least 24 hours after a game.
5. Parents should respect the authority of the referee and his or her assistants. Please do not harass, abuse or berate the referee at any time. Parents should not openly disagree with, question or criticize the referee. This applies even if the referee makes a mistake. Parents should be tolerant of the referee's calls, whether they agree with them or not. Parents should not enter the field of play without the center referee's permission.
6. Parents must not make negative comments about the game, the coaches, the referees, or teammates in your player's presence. This can negatively influence their motivation and overall experience.
7. Parents should encourage players to play hard, to play fair, to respect others and to congratulate their opponent at each and every game. The enjoyment of the children playing the sport they love is much more important than the outcome of the game.
8. Parents should learn the laws of the game and appreciate the spirit of the game.
9. Parents should help promote TUSC's priorities of safety, fun, development and love of the game of soccer.