



Parent Contract for Houstonians Futbol Club

FALL 2010/SPRING 2011 PARENT CONTRACT

It is the goal of the Houstonians Futbol Club is to provide a positive, competitive youth soccer experience for player, parent and coach. We emphasize long-term player development of physical, emotional and social skills. While winning is a priority, winning will not be placed above good sportsmanship (defined as respecting rules, opponents, officials, teammates, and one's self), player development, or what is best for the team. It is our goal to create an environment that will benefit the individual as well as the team. We believe a positive team sport experience will promote a youth's self-confidence and self-esteem beyond the soccer field.

Expectations

This Code of Conduct is a written contract between parents, players, and coaches to abide by the rules and regulations of the game. We expect all parties to maintain a positive attitude and uphold the ideals of fair play and sporting behavior. This contract is more than just paper, it is the essence of our goals and objectives and thus, adherence to it is of primary importance. To participate in our club activities, all players, their parents, and team coaches are required to read and sign this Code of Conduct.

Zero Tolerance Policy

All players, parents, coaches, and spectators are expected to demonstrate sporting behavior before, during and after games, scrimmages, and practices. The Club has adopted a "Zero Tolerance Policy" towards verbal or physical abuse or harassment by anyone involved in the club in any capacity. Any parent or spectator who is ejected from the game by the referee will remove him or herself from the sidelines and area immediately. He/she will be banned from attending the next scheduled game and can be banned for longer if so determined by an inquiry of the Houstonians Futbol Club Board of Directors.

Participation in Development Academy Programs Outside of the Club

The Houstonians Futbol Club strongly supports the development and advancement of its youth soccer players. We encourage our players to participate and attend training programs, such as specialized camps or individual skill training that further enhances their soccer skills. We consider this to be supplemental training to their primary Club training. Participation in such programs is allowed provided it does not interfere with Club training and game schedules. Players are expected to attend Club training, games, and other events over these outside programs when scheduling conflicts arise. The Club coaches and administrators have full authority to take whatever disciplinary actions they deem necessary if a player chooses outside training or programs over Club events, up to and including, release of a player from a team.



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Parent's Pledge

As a parent of a Houstonians Futbol Club player, I pledge to:

- * Help and support the players in making sure they have the best possible experience;
- * Help guide them in following their code of conduct;
- * Get my player(s) to practices, training sessions, and games on time and prepared. On time means on the field and not in the car getting shin guards on; prepared means with ball, water, and appropriate attire;
- * Arrive at practices 10 minutes before it starts;
- * Arrive at games 1 hour before;
- * Support my player, their teammates, and their coach's efforts at all times;
- * Respect the opponent players, coaches, fans, and game officials at all times;
- * Cheer encouragements to my player and teammates, but NOT instructions;
- * Inform coaches in advance of any practices, training sessions, games that you know your child will need to miss or arrive late to. Email is the preferred form of communication however phone calls work;
- * Avoid any confrontation with game officials, coaches, or opposing team parents and refrain from any unsporting and poor parenting behavior including verbal or physical abuse of players, coaches, game officials, and spectators at practices, before, during, and after games;
- * Raise concerns and questions to coaches and Club officials. As parents you have the right to speak to the coach if you are concerned for any reason. If this is the case then it must be 24 hours after any game;
- * Focus on player development and not winning. Remember that development is the main focus; and
- * Be a good role model. As parents you are your kids' main role model!



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Player Name: _____

Parent(s) Name: _____

As a parent of a Houstonians Futbol Club player, I have reviewed and understand the Financial Contract and Parent Contract guidelines and agree to abide by them.

Parent's signature

Date