



**RED STAR SOCCER CLUB
GENERAL POLICIES
PLAYER & PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT
The “ABCs” and a few more...**

Red Star Soccer Club (hereinafter “the Club”) follows a number of general policies intended to enhance your son/daughter’s soccer experience. The Club requires all players and parents to adhere to these policies, as well as some basic rules and fundamental principles. While this document does not cover all of the policies of the Club, nor does it address all potential issues, it does address a number of the core policies, as well as concerns and issues which sometimes arise. It is understood from the onset that playing for Red Star Soccer Club is a privilege which carries certain responsibilities. As such, we require and expect all players and parents to follow these policies and any other Club policies that may be established from time to time:

- A. Each player in the Club is expected to conduct themselves honestly, professionally, and in a manner respectful of the other players on their team, other players in the Club, the coaches, the referees, and opposing players and coaches. Red Star Soccer Club players are expected to display the highest standard of sportsmanship and self-control in practices and games, and both on and off the field.
- B. Each player is expected to dress in the appropriate Red Star Soccer Club soccer attire and to arrive on time for all training sessions, practices and games. We understand that at times there may be illness, injury or unavoidable conflicts which make it impossible for a player to attend a team function, or there may be situations which arise where a family has a higher priority matter to attend which conflicts with a team event. In such cases, the player and parent must provide the coach with timely notice of the conflict and the reason why the player will miss or be late for the team event. Failure to give timely notice will likely affect a player’s playing time. Failure to attend practices affects a player’s ability to progress and contribute at the same level as those practicing.
- C. Red Star Soccer Club follows a specific program designed around the Academy format with defined training, matches, tournaments and rest. Playing outside the club will not be allowed or permitted. Based on the assessment and agreement of club coaches and the Director of Coaching, players within the club may be temporarily moved or swung between teams within the club as permitted by rules established WYSA, AYSA, and/or the US Youth Soccer Organization.
- D. Red Star Soccer Club players are expected to behave as good citizens while in school, in the community and on the field. In the unlikely event that a player uses or possesses any drugs, alcohol, cigarettes or any illegal substance, suspension and removal from the Club may occur.
- E. Parents are encouraged to offer positive words of support to all players. “Coaching” by parents from the sidelines or making negative comments about players, coaches or officials which can be heard by the players or other spectators, is not acceptable and will not be tolerated. Any conduct or behavior deemed abusive in the discretion of the coach or Club representative is ground for removal from the field.
- F. Parents are free to discuss an issue with the coach regarding a child’s playing time no sooner than 24 hours after the conclusion of the game. Any other team-related or player discussion must be conducted away from the players on the team and other team parents, and in accordance with any specific policies adopted by the head coach. Any concern that a parent feels has not been adequately addressed by a coach should then be directed to the Director of Coaching.
- G. Parents of each player have a financial responsibility to the Club to pay player fees as established by the Club, regardless of whether that player elects after registration to leave the team. Players also have to fully comply with WYSA release requirements. Player releases are strictly within the discretion of the Club. Any player leaving a team, whether voluntarily or for disciplinary reasons or for inappropriate behavior of the player or parent or by way of a release, will not receive a refund of fees paid, nor any forgiveness of any obligation for remaining fees owed.

This document is not intended to be all-inclusive; it sets forth a general and minimum, working framework.