

## **DSX SOCCER CLUB (DSX) PARTICIPANTS – CODE OF CONDUCT**

### **RADIANT LIFE CHURCH SOCCER FIELDS**

#### **DSX Families**

Parents' interaction with players, coaches, and other parents must be a positive one. Unacceptable behavior of parents is not permitted within our organization. Please understand that your behavior is crucial to your player's soccer experience and our goal is to help players find the love of the game.

Here's how you can make this season memorable and positive for your family!

Commit to transporting your child to and from practices and camps on time.

Parking of all vehicles must occur in the paved church parking lots. Parents should not park on public streets or private roads in nearby neighborhoods, nor should you walk through any private property to get to the soccer fields. Failure to adhere to these rules will result in a warning from your child's coach and/or from DSX. A second violation will result in your child being dismissed from his or her team or camp with no refunds.

Notify the DSX office of change in status (decided not to play, change of address, email or phone, age, or school correction).

Dress your child appropriately for practices and camps:

Shin guards are always required, covered completely by soccer socks.

No jewelry, i.e., earrings, watches, necklaces, or rings. Subject to coaches' discretion.

Shoes (soccer or tennis-type) without sharp toe cleats (baseball shoes are usually not acceptable).

In cold weather, wear warm clothing UNDER jerseys (including hoods) with a coat available. Knit caps are allowed; hard brimmed hats are not.

Long pants are not acceptable except when very cold (under 50°). They are cumbersome and prevent the referee and/or coaches from judging plays by sock color.

Bring a soccer ball. Size 3 for U4, U5, U6 and U7s; size 4 for U8s through U12; size 5 for U13s and up.

While at a practice or camp:

Watch from the side of the field OPPOSITE the team, away from the goal area, and at least one yard behind the touch (side) line. No spectators are permitted within 100 feet of any perimeter boundary of the church's property.

Do not stand behind the goal line or goalie.

Do not enter the field of play without a coach's permission.

Shout only positive comments and encouragement. No noisemakers.

Pick up your trash as you leave.

Leave your pets at home.

Park only in paved parking lots on the church's property. No RVs.

Refrain from smoking at the field.

If in the opinion of a coach, a spectator is deemed to be unruly, the coach is empowered to demand they leave the area of the field.

All soccer participants and spectators shall use the indoor restrooms provided within the church building.

**All DSX coaches are required to complete an online Coach Volunteer Registration.**

The coach will also meet several requirements including:

Have an interest in working with a group of children to further learning the sport of soccer, building camaraderie and team spirit, and to have fun.

Follow the Coach's Code of Conduct.

Satisfactorily complete a background check process by the requested deadline.

Complete requirements of Ohio's Return-To-Play law regarding concussions by the requested deadline.

Complete requirements of Ohio's Sudden Cardiac Arrest Law (aka Lindsay's Law) by the requested deadline.

Complete requirements of the US Center for SafeSport regarding child abuse and mandatory reporting, as necessary, by the requested deadline.

No convictions or arrests for a criminal offense (other than traffic violations or other minor offenses).

No offenses that offend against decency or morality or reflects poorly on DSX.

Have and maintain an accurate, current telephone number and email address available to the DSX office and the team's members.

Preference is given to those willing to give a full year (fall and spring) commitment.

**DSX Coach's Code of Conduct**

A Coach's 1st priority during every contact with players under his supervision is the health and safety of the players. Players will not be penalized for parental concerns regarding inclement weather.

Coaches will recognize that the greatest threat to players of serious physical harm or death in soccer occurs from the use of unanchored goals during games or practices and will refrain from using them under such circumstances. Moving previously anchored goals is also grounds for misconduct.

Coaches will treat all players, parents, coaches, and others associated with DSX programs with respect including addressing players in a positive manner.

All coaches are expected to assist in maintaining proper sideline decorum by parents/spectators. Under no circumstances will a coach use or tolerate physical force and/or verbal abuse with players from any team. No profanity is permitted.

Coaches will refrain from the use of alcohol, tobacco or vaping devices in the presence of parents or participants.

Coaches will provide players with an atmosphere that develops an appreciation of the game of soccer; emphasizes the value of sportsmanship, effort, and the fun of the game.