



## Parent Expectations Agreement

Parents are an integral part of the Red Arrow Soccer Club support system. It is important that parents observe the guidelines established by the Red Arrow Soccer Club (RASC), other leagues, and West Michigan Youth Soccer Association (WMYSA).

### **As a parent, I will...**

- Be encouraging, supportive and affirmative in regard to my child's play on the field
- Respect officials and accept their decisions
- Support the coach, manager and the team
- Volunteer my services and talents to the team and the Club when possible
- Familiarize myself with the Laws of the Game
- Comply with the rules, policies and procedures of the team, club, other leagues and WMYSA as they apply to me
- Act in the spirit of the game - support all players on your child's team and do not criticize **ANY** player as well as not criticizing the opponents, their parents, coaches or the officials

### **Further I will never...**

- Engage in dissent directed to an official
- Engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, manager, player or parent
- Interfere at any time with the duties and responsibilities of the coach or manager
- Act in any way that is detrimental to the team or the Red Arrow Soccer Club.

**I understand that coaching should be done by the coach.** No matter how good your intentions, we insist there be no shouting instructions to your child from the sidelines. Let the coach run the team. Attempting to coach or instruct our child from the sideline is distracting and counterproductive for the player. However, your vocal support and positive encouragement are ALWAYS welcome.

### **I will nurture independence and responsibility in my child by...**

- Making it my child's responsibility to pack their own uniform in their soccer bag.
- If appropriate, having my child communicate directly with the coach about issues, concerns, conflicts or simply missing upcoming practices or games.
- Reminding my child to take responsibility for their own performance and to not place blame on others. \*\*This "responsibility taking" is a significant part of maturing. Your child's handling of these tasks on and off the field complete his/her "ownership" of all aspects of being a soccer player
- Monitoring my child off of the field. Their representation of the club goes beyond the field.

- Keeping an eye on my child to make sure that they are handling any stress resulting from their participation with the club effectively.
- Asking your child to focus on the execution of skills and themes addressed at practice i.e. collecting and passing balls, combination play, shots on goal, successful tackles. Practice makes better players.

**I promise to uphold my commitments by...**

- Fostering an environment focused on development, enjoyment, and good sportsmanship.
- Fulfilling my financial commitments.
- Supporting and maintaining Red Arrow Soccer Club Soccer Club's philosophy on youth development.
- Fulfilling my child's team and Red Arrow Soccer Club Soccer Club's expectations.

Should I disagree with my child's coach or am concerned about their development or other issues, I will adhere to the Red Arrow Soccer Club's **problem solving procedure**.

Please remember that there is a time and place for everything. If you need information or wish to ask questions concerning coaching decisions, arrange a meeting with the coach. Concerns or criticisms are welcome, but should be expressed away from training sessions and games. Every effort will be made to address problems or concerns of our members in a fair and consistent manner. In the event of a disagreement, the following procedure should be followed when addressing concerns:

**24 Hour Rule-** Games are extremely emotional for players, parents and coaches. Parents and coaches should not discuss individual player problems concerning the team or their child for 24 hours following a game or training session. This allows all a cooling off time and opportunity to discuss the child without the emotion of the game or training session as well as avoid regrettable public confrontation.

- **Step 1- Discussion with Team Coach:** The member first discusses his/her issues or concerns with the coach.
- **Step 2- Discussion with Director of Coaching:** If after discussing the issue with the coach and the issue is not resolved, he/she can present the issue to the Director of Coaching.
- **Step 3- Discussion with the Dispute Resolution Team:** If the member is not satisfied with this discussion, it can then be presented to the Dispute Resolution Team of the Board of Directors. This will be the final step to resolve the situation before the matter goes to the entire Board of Directors.

It is important that parents observe the guidelines established by the Club, other leagues and WMYSA. I have read and understand the above parent expectations. I agree to abide by the parent expectations and understand that failure to do so may result in my child being asked to leave the club and forfeiture of registration fees.

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Parent (Guardian) Signature

Date



## Player Expectations Agreement

The coach under the guidance of the Director of Coaching selects the players. The coach's commitment to the player and the player's commitment to the team and Red Arrow Soccer Club are for the entire competitive season (fall and spring for non-high school teams). It is important that players observe the guidelines established by the team, Red Arrow Soccer Club (RASC), other leagues and West Michigan Youth Soccer Association.

### As a player, I will...

- Train and play to the best of my ability
- Have a positive attitude and never quit
- Win without boasting and exemplify sportsmanship
- Respect officials and accept their decisions without question
- Only give positive encouragement to fellow teammates
- Arrive prepared for all games and training sessions, i.e. proper mental attitude and equipment
- Respect my coach, teammates and opponents
- Learn and obey the Laws of the Game
- Practice soccer skills and condition on my own
- Notify the coach if I will be tardy or unable to make a practice, game or meeting
- Agree to abide by the player code of conduct listed on the website

### As a player, I will never...

- Allow my enthusiasm and commitment for soccer to override my responsibilities to my education
- Use profane or vulgar language
- Use a controlled substance unless prescribed by a physician
- Leave the field or a session without the permission of the coach
- Disregard any instructions of my coach
- Forget that I represent Red Arrow Soccer Club

I have read and understand the above player expectations. I understand that poor behavior during practices, games, or tournaments may result in lost playing time and expulsion from the team.

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Player Signature

Date