



We are happy to have you and your family as members of Coronado FC. The 2022-2023 Season Parent Letter describes and emphasizes the level of commitment a player and family must make at Coronado FC. It also describes the commitment CYSL and the Coaching Staff make to you in return. CYSL believes that its excellence as an organization must be reflected both on and off the field. To achieve that end, we adhere to a Code of Conduct, and expect all members, including players, parents, coaches and officials, to do the same.

As a Member, your actions reflect upon not only yourself and your team, but also the rest of our organization. We also have an obligation to our communities to be good citizens. All players, parents and coaches are expected to:

- Set a good example at all times.
- Avoid inappropriate behavior, including theft, substance abuse, violent conduct, foul language, negative discussions about other parents, players, coaches, or teams, etc., on and off the field.
- Conform to the rules established by the team and club.
- Adhere to the laws of the game.
- Take victory modestly and defeat graciously.
- Treat players, parents, coaches, referees and other officials with dignity and respect.
- Never argue with a referee or linesperson. Do not shout at them. (Remember, that young referee or linesperson could be your son or daughter.) The penalty for unruly sidelines is ejection of the coach and your removal from any CYSL event for a determined period of time.

In addition to the above, **Players** are expected to:

- Play the game for the game's sake, for the fun of it.
- Attempt to win through your skill, effort, teamwork, and fair play.
- Care for your uniform and equipment at games and practices.
- Pick up your trash on the field; do not rely on others to pick it up for you.
- Treat coaches, teammates and opponents with dignity and respect.
- Be a good teammate. Do not be a distraction or hindrance to yourself or your teammates in learning and loving the game of soccer.
- Attend practices and games, on time, and let the coach and/or manager know of conflicts.
- Avoid contacting coaches via texting, Facebook or other social media sites, except for specific information regarding practices or games.
- Avoid inappropriate contact (physical, verbal, written, photographic, including via internet or text messages) with other players and/or coaches.

**Coaches** are expected to serve as teachers, mentors, and leaders whose attitudes and behavior will set the tone for the players and the sideline. In addition to the above applicable standards, coaches must:

- Set high standards for your own and your players' conduct and attendance and enforce the same.
- Ensure the safety and well-being of players.
- Treat all players honestly and fairly.
- Be committed to help all of your players reach their highest potential as players.
- Encourage teamwork and fair play.
- Ensure players treat each other with mutual respect. Discourage cliques.
- Communicate openly and often with the parents of your players.
- Fully support the philosophy of the Club.
- Do not behave in a manner that could bring discredit upon CYSL.
- Do not contact players via texting, Facebook or other social media sites, except to inform them of specific information regarding practices or games.

- Do not inappropriately contact (physical, verbal, written, photographic, including via internet or text messages) with players and/or parents.

**Parents** are not only supporters of their children and the team, but are also role models whose actions reflect upon the players, the team, and the club. In addition to the above, parents are expected to:

- Remember the game is for your daughter or son, not for you. Don't attempt to re-live your youth at the expense of your child's enjoyment of the game.
- Encourage and support your child in meeting his or her responsibilities to the team. Set a good example by your conduct and good sportsmanship.
- **Allow the coach to direct the play of the team. Your son or daughter can't hear the coach if you are yelling at the player or the referee.**
- Remember that in ten years no one will remember the score or who won a game, and that your child's soccer career is a long-term growth process and not an end in and of itself.
- Communicate openly with your child's coach. As with any activity involving a large group of people, minor misunderstandings and disagreements will arise during the course of a season.
- **Pay your fees on time, as there is a business side to our organization. Our club needs your fiscal cooperation in order to sustain it. Delinquent accounts may result in not being able to play in league or tournament games, and/or not being selected for the team next year.**
- Remember that members of the CYSL Board and our team managers are volunteers, and have given extensively of their own time and effort to make your child's soccer experience a good one. Please treat all of them with the dignity and respect they deserve.
- Many of you have witnessed and been embarrassed by a parent or attendee on the sidelines acting unsportsmanlike towards the game, a referee, a player, or a coach. Please remember how embarrassed you were for that person before acting in the same manner.
- If you would like to help the club as a volunteer, please contact a board member.
- Please do not hesitate to contact the CYSL/Coronado FC President at any time you feel it's necessary.

**Club Officials** are responsible for providing the direction and organization for the Club. Their decisions and actions will set the tone for all. In addition to the above applicable standards, Club officials are expected to:

- Remember that we exist for the benefit of youth.
- Conduct the business of the Club with honesty, integrity and openness.
- Ensure the club conforms to the rules established by itself, US Club Soccer, SoCal Soccer League, Cal South, and FIFA.

All members of the Club, when confronted with a frustrating or emotional situation, shall follow the **48-hour rule: give the situation a couple of days to calm down before initiating communications.** Usually, the situation will settle down after the parties involved have taken this time. After that, issues should be first brought to the attention of the coach for discussion and resolution. This is best done in person rather than through e-mail. If a resolution cannot be reached, the issue should be elevated to the Director of Coaching. If the problem still remains unresolved, please contact the Director of Competitive Soccer within a week of the event.

Conformance to this Code of Conduct will ensure our Club holds itself to the highest standards of sportsmanship and fair play. It will help to make the soccer experience a positive one for our members.

#### **Violations of the Code of Conduct:**

Minor violations should be resolved within the team. Serious or unresolved violations should be reported to the Director of Coaching and the Director of Competitive Soccer. The Directors will conduct a review and present the findings to the Coronado FC Committee of the Board of Directors for subsequent action to be taken. Actions may range from caution, personal apology, probation, suspension or expulsion for the remainder of the year and/or next year. As a member of the Club, each of us is responsible for our actions and will be held accountable for them.

**Please sign below, stipulating that:**

- I will abide by the Code of Conduct and will support the Club in implementing this code with my child.
- I agree to support the club and the team by contributing as needed at any CYSL sponsored tournaments and any team sponsored activities as required.
- **I have read the 2022-2023 Parent Letter and agree to pay all fees as outlined (unless an alternate arrangement has been made through an approved financial assistance contract). I understand that failure to remain current with my fees will result in my child not being eligible to participate in games and tournaments, and may prevent my child from transferring to another Club.**

**Player's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Player's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parents' Names:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parents' Signatures:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_