



# Lake Country United



## Parents Code of Conduct

The following standards of conduct outline a philosophy that is paramount to the game of soccer. Soccer is a sport that belongs to the players. While soccer games are exciting for parents and spectators, this excitement and enthusiasm must be both positive and controlled. Uncontrolled or abusive parental behavior is not accepted at Lake Country United.

**The Referee:** Never use foul or abusive language toward any of the referees; center or linesmen. The coach(s) are in control of the game. Each referee is just as different as the field the game is played on. Keep this in mind: **"A parent has never overruled a referee and never will"**. Referees do award "sportsmanship points" for the coaches, players and parents on each game report. These positive or negative points could mean the difference in future league placement, as well as label LCU as a "club in poor standing".

**The Laws:** In order to be a supportive parent you must have an understanding of the primary laws of the game. Familiarize yourself with the basics; offsides, penalty fouls and non-penalty fouls.

**Your Player:** Lake Country attempts to provide the best coaching and training available for your player. Keep this in mind when encouraging your player and their teammates during a match. LCU wants and needs your enthusiasm and support for our teams, but only in a constructive manner. A parent's duty is to encourage; not to coach or to criticize. Sideline coaching sends a confusing message to the player. Let the coach-coach, the players-play and the referee's control the game without interference.

**Conduct:** Continuous yelling is distracting for both teams and at times can reveal the parents lack of understanding of the game. Enthusiasm, in short bursts of encouragement, is welcome and needed. Always show respect to the players and spectators of the opposing team. Always remember you are responsible for the conduct of all visitors you bring to any match. You are a representative of LCU-your behavior makes an impression! Anyone who violates this Agreement and Code of Conduct is subject to immediate dismissal by the referee from any game and disciplinary action up to and including an appearance before the club's Board of Directors and possible expulsion from LCU.

***I (we) have read the above information and accept this agreement as part of my player's commitment Lake Country United and acknowledge the consequences of not abiding by this agreement.***

Father's (guardian) signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's (guardian) signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_