**PARENT/GUARDIAN CODE OF CONDUCT, 2024-2025 SOCCER YEAR**

1. I will bear in mind that my child(ren) participates in soccer for THEIR enjoyment.
2. I will support my child(ren) by reminding them of their responsibility to abide by the Student-Athlete Code of Conduct and to the value of aspiring to the highest standards of sportsmanship in their play.
3. I will stress that doing one's best is more important than winning and will model that value in my support and conduct.
4. I will REFRAIN FROM COACHING any player(s) during games or training sessions.
5. I will respect decisions of officials and will teach my child(ren) to do likewise. I will not question an official’s call.
6. I will respect all coaches and will not confront coaches or officials in front of players. If necessary, I will seek to discuss a matter involving game conduct away from the field of play at an agreed place and time.
7. I will be a positive role model and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect, courtesy, and positive support to all players, coaches, officials and spectators at every practice and/or games. I will ensure that other family members and friends I bring to a match or to a practice session do the same.
8. I, and my guests, will not engage in any kind of unsporting conduct such as booing, ridiculing, taunting, refusal to shake hands or usage of any profane language or gestures.
9. I will not use profanity or make comments that demean another person based on that person’s race, ethnicity, religion, gender, sexual orientation, physical limitations or athletic ability.
10. I will encourage my child(ren) to treat everyone with respect regardless of race, ethnicity, religion, gender, sexual orientation, physical limitations or athletic ability.
11. I will respect the rules of the game and encourage my child(ren) to play according to the Laws of the Game as established by the United States Soccer Federation and enforced by The St. James FC Virginia.
12. I will respect and follow the policies of The St. James FC, of organizations of which The St. James FC Virginia is a member, and of the venues where events take place.
13. I will not bring drugs, tobacco, alcohol or firearms to a St. James FC event and will support The St. James’ efforts to provide a sports environment that is free of drugs, tobacco, alcohol and firearms.
14. I will remember that The St. James FC’s activities are for the players, and I will make decisions based on what is best for the players, the team, and the club to allow them to play with courage and style.
15. I will not promote non-club sponsored soccer programs through club communication formats or in any mass communication way to club members.

PARENT/GUARDIAN ACKNOWLEDGMENT

I understand that a violation of this code of conduct by me, members of my family or guests that I bring to a St. James Center for Soccer Excellence event can result in disciplinary action against me and my family, up to and including expulsion from The St. James FC. I understand that a players’ seasonal financial commitment must be up-to-date before that player can begin play on a St. James FC team. Additionally, I understand that before a player can transfer to another team, the financial obligations to The St. James FC and the players’ team must be fully satisfied. I hereby acknowledge that I am subject to the foregoing policies and I give approval for my child to participate in any and all events associated with being a member of a St. James FC team. Furthermore, I acknowledge that the contents of this Code of Conduct may be amended by management at its discretion at any point during the calendar year to which my child actively participates in a St. James FC program or activity.

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