**STUDENT-ATHLETE CODE OF CONDUCT, 2024-2025**

It is a privilege to be a student-athlete participating in The St. James Football Club Soccer Program (“TSJFC”). I understand that I must follow the rules of the program and the league in which my team plays. I further understand that in order to remain a student-athlete in good standing I must follow these rules:

1. I will respect the game of soccer and its laws;
2. I will show respect for the authority of the referee, even though I will sometimes disagree with his/her calls;
3. I will work for the good of the team and conduct The St. James FC Soccer Program with honor and dignity;
4. I will show good sportsmanship before, during, and after all TSJFC training sessions, clinics, camps, special events and competitions;
5. I understand that soccer is a game, and that the student-athletes on the other team are my opponents, not my enemies;
6. I will help parents and fans understand the Laws of the Game so they can watch and enjoy the game better; and,
7. I will be sure parents and fans understand that dissent is not permitted.

I. GENERAL RULES:

* Student-athletes are expected to conduct themselves at all times in a manner which is in keeping with representing THE ST. JAMES FC SOCCER PROGRAM and will not bring discredit on THE ST. JAMES FC SOCCER PROGRAM or its Program.
* When participating in THE ST. JAMES FC SOCCER PROGRAM Travel Program, each student-athlete is expected to dress appropriately as befits representing THE ST. JAMES FC SOCCER PROGRAM.
* Respect for property of others, adherence to the rules specified in this agreement or by the coach, chaperones or other THE ST. JAMES FC SOCCER PROGRAM administrators, and observance of State and Federal laws are required for participation in THE ST. JAMES FC SOCCER PROGRAM.

II. DISCIPLINE RULES:

1. Use of a substance (drugs, alcohol, or, if under 18, tobacco) or possession of a substance, or both use and possession, is cause for immediate dismissal from THE ST. JAMES FC SOCCER PROGRAM.

2. Persistent irresponsible and disrespectful behavior, including bullying and cyber-bullying, is cause for dismissal from THE ST. JAMES FC SOCCER PROGRAM.

3. Bullying will not be tolerated in THE ST. JAMES FC SOCCER PROGRAM and is cause for dismissal from the ST. JAMES FC SOCCER PROGRAM. These include but are not limited to cyber-bullying, identity-based bullying such as racist, homophobic, religious and bullying of those with disabilities or special needs.

4. Destruction of property or violation of State, Federal, or other law is cause for dismissal from THE ST. JAMES FC SOCCER PROGRAM.

5. Failure to comply with any and all THE ST. JAMES FC SOCCER PROGRAM, league, tournament, game, and team rules may be cause for disciplinary action.

NOTE: If dismissal from the Program or from a specific event occurs while traveling, the student-athlete may be sent home immediately at the parent’s cost by whatever means is most convenient for the event chaperones and Program administrators. No reimbursement of fees will be made to the dismissed student-athlete or the student-athlete’s family.

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