



SPORTSTOWN FC PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT

The Sportstown FC Code of Conduct has been developed to ensure every player and parent understands the expectations that will be placed on each player with respect to commitment, behaviour, and performance throughout a Sportstown FC program.

If you do not understand any element of this code, please speak to your Sportstown FC coach and ask for clarification.

Please sign this Code of Conduct and return it to your Sportstown FC coach. You should also keep a copy for your reference.

FOR SPORTSTOWN FC PLAYERS U16 AND OLDER

Player Name: _____

Player Signature: _____

Sportstown FC Program: _____

Date: _____

FOR SPORTSTOWN FC PLAYERS U15 AND YOUNGER

Player Name: _____

Parent Name: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Sportstown FC Program: _____

Date: _____

Code of Conduct

Sportstown FC is a professional organization. Players are expected to conduct themselves at all times in a manner which is in keeping with representing Sportstown FC. Whenever you are wearing the Sportstown FC logo and participating in a Sportstown FC program, you are an ambassador for the club and are therefore expected to conduct yourself accordingly.

Demonstrate Commitment

- ✓ Commitment is to the Sportstown FC team. This takes priority over other sports and activities for the duration of the program. The only exceptions are important soccer related activities such as club cup games, etc. Any additional sports activities (ie. high school soccer) should be approved by your Sportstown FC coach
- ✓ It is suggested to parents to plan any vacation after the program has ended. If you plan on taking a family vacation during the program, please clear it with your Sportstown FC coach
- ✓ Players are expected to be on time for all training, games and events. Lateness will not be tolerated
- ✓ Report to the coach all injuries, special medical conditions (such as asthma) or extenuating circumstances (such as lack of sleep or family crisis) that may affect the player. Injured players still need to report to training
- ✓ If you cannot attend a session or game, you must email your Sportstown FC coach at least 3 days before with the reason for your absence. Players who miss sessions without notification will have a review of their participation based on the circumstances and communication

Communication

- ✓ Sportstown FC will strive to communicate professionally and openly with player/parents
- ✓ If you play for a U16-U18 team, the player is expected to communicate directly with the Sportstown FC coach - not the parent
- ✓ Sportstown FC will mainly communicate by email or through a team website
- ✓ It is the responsibility of the player (U16-U18) and parents to have a proper email that is checked regularly
- ✓ It is the responsibility of the player/parents to check and review the team website to understand the program schedule

Dress Code

- ✓ Players are required to wear assigned Sportstown FC gear for all official events, which includes Sportstown FC training gear to all sessions, and the appropriate kit for all games
- ✓ Players are also expected to wear Sportstown FC zip tops whenever traveling with the team

Playing Time and Performance

- ✓ All Sportstown FC teams are performance-based programs. In other words, players are placed in certain positions and given a certain amount of playing time based on how they perform in both training and game events. The word “performance” also encompasses a player’s behaviour, commitment, and attitude. The fees you pay in order to join this program offer each player the opportunity to develop and to perform. It does not guarantee a set amount of playing time or equal treatment. This is always at the discretion of the Sportstown FC coach based on how he/she assesses the player’s performance during the course of the program. However, we also believe that players must have the chance to play in order to develop. Therefore all players will have a chance to play a good portion of each game. No one will sit out an entire game unless there are extenuating circumstances which would be communicated beforehand. As an example, teams with a large roster may institute an equitable rotation system whereby a few players don’t dress for each game in order to shorten the bench.

Sportsmanship

- ✓ Realize that a team’s reputation is built not only on its playing ability but also on sportsmanship
- ✓ Players are expected to be gracious in victory, and turn defeat to victory by working towards improvement
- ✓ Parents refrain from speaking to officials. DO NOT openly question judgment, and never their honesty. If you have questions or concerns with the referees, relay the information to the coach
- ✓ Players refrain from commenting on decisions during the play of the game. The team captain may address the officials during the game but only within the provisions of the rules, and in a courteous, respectful manner
- ✓ Any comments regarding officiating by a parent/player or staff will be taken seriously, and may result in action.

Player Discipline

1. Persistent irresponsible and disrespectful behavior will be cause for dismissal.
2. Failure to comply with any and all team rules (curfew, attendance, dress code, etc.) may be cause for disciplinary action. Persistent failure will be cause for dismissal from the program for the remainder of the current season, and could affect a player’s future participation

Sportstown FC Academy Commitment

- ✓ Sportstown FC is committed to providing a professional program that puts player development at the forefront of its operations
- ✓ Sportstown FC coaches will be professional and organized in all training sessions and game events
- ✓ Sportstown FC coaches will provide honest and constructive feedback to all players with the goal of helping each player develop to the best of their abilities
- ✓ Sportstown FC coaches will also provide the opportunity for parents of players U15 and younger to receive constructive feedback on their child’s soccer development