



Parent Code of Conduct Form – Hawks S.C.

Purpose:

To provide parents with rules and expectations, in order to enhance players' experience and to help them realize their playing potential. All parents must sign a code of conduct each "soccer year" (August 1 – July 31) before their players may participate on Hawks S.C. teams. All parents are expected to adhere to the following guidelines throughout each season:

1. Assist players in complying with the rules/expectations specified in the Player Code of Conduct.
2. Demonstrate good sportsmanship. Disrespect, defiance, or violence directed at Hawks S.C. coaches, teammates, game officials, opposing coaches, or opposing players will not be tolerated.
3. Never approach a player or a coach on or off the playing field in a negative or confrontational manner.
4. During all practices and games:
 - a. Respect the role of coaches by refraining from coaching players.
 - b. Do not disturb or approach players or coaches (except in cases of emergency) until after the team has been released by the coach.
6. During games remain on the side of the field that is designated for fans.
7. Represent Hawks S.C. to the best of your ability. Provide positive support for the team and act appropriately during (and while traveling to/from) practices, games, tournaments, and other team functions.
8. Do everything possible to create a positive experience for everyone involved in the Hawks S.C. program. Violations of these may result in intervention and/or disciplinary action by the Hawks S.C. Board of Directors.

Parents should expect the following communication from coaches and/or other Hawks S.C. officials:

1. Program and coaching philosophy
2. Expectations of players and parents
3. Location and times of all practices, games, tournaments, and team functions
4. Procedures for parents to follow for excusing players from practices and/or games
5. Explanations of major disciplinary actions involving your players

Coaches expect the following communication from parents:

1. Concerns expressed directly to coaches first (not to other parents, players, coaches, and/or Hawks S.C. officials)
2. Notice in advance when players will miss or be late for practices/games
3. Specific concerns regarding coaching philosophy and/or rules/expectations
4. Positive support for players, coaches, game officials, and the Hawks S.C. program

It is appropriate for parents to discuss the following with coaches:

1. The mental and/or physical treatment of your child
2. Ways to help your child improve and develop as a player
3. Your child's behavior
4. Your child's playing time (only if/after you have attended at least one full practice)

It is not appropriate for parents to discuss the following with coaches (unless invited by coaches to do so):

1. Players other than your child
2. Practice activities
3. Tactical decisions (e.g., positions, substitutions, systems, etc.) during games
4. Team strategy

Parents should follow these procedures to arrange discussions/meetings with coaches:

1. Contact the coach at an appropriate time (not immediately before, during, or after a practice or game) to request a discussion/meeting. Respect the coach's wishes regarding the terms of the discussion/meeting (these may include inviting the Hawks S.C. Director of Coaches to participate).
2. If you are unable to reach the coach, contact the Hawks S.C. Director of Coaches to request a meeting with the coach. Parents should follow these procedures if they have discussed the matter with the coach (or if they have made a good-faith attempt to do so) but the issue still has not been resolved:
 - a. Contact the Hawks S.C. Director of Coaches to request an appointment with he/she to discuss the situation. He/she will work with the parents and coaches involved to resolve the situation. The Hawks S.C. Director of Coaches will report to and/or request intervention by the Hawks Board of Directors or Judicial Committee at his/her discretion.
 - b. Contact the Hawks S.C. Board of Directors to discuss the situation and/or to request intervention by the board.

Please sign below to indicate that you have read, understand, and agree to comply with these guidelines.

(All parents/guardians must sign.)

If you have any questions or concerns at any time, please feel free to contact coaches and/or other Hawks S.C. officials in accordance with the guidelines specified in the Parent Code of Conduct. We welcome the opportunity to help your player develop in the positive way possible.

I/We, the parent(s)/guardian(s) of _____, have read the guidelines above and agree to
Player Name

comply with them throughout the _____ soccer year.

Parent Signature

Date