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## ***Yukon Soccer Association: Code of Conduct***

The Yukon Soccer Association believes that athletic competition is fun but that it is also a significant part of a character building program.

We believe that coaches, managers, chaperones and players should understand this code of conduct, and that agree to be held accountable to this code.

We believe that the actions and decisions of those involved with the Yukon soccer program, including Board members, coaches, athletes, team managers, parents, and volunteers, should be based on the following principles:

***Respect for All • Responsibility • Fairness • Caring • Citizenship***

***Respect for All:*** *The principle of respect for all is a challenge to act in a manner respectful of the dignity of those involved in our sport. It applies equally to athletes, coaches, officials, and parents. The principle is based on the basic assumption that each person has value and is worthy of respect.*

Acting with respect for all means:

- We interact with others in a manner that enables them to maintain their dignity;
- We do not make some participants feel more or less worthy as persons than others, on the basis of gender, race, place of origin, athletic potential, colour, sexual orientation, religion, political beliefs, socio-economic status, marital status, age, or any other conditions;
- We have a special responsibility to respect and promote the rights of participants who are vulnerable or in dependent positions, and therefore less able to protect their own rights;
- We build team spirit, and focus on positive coaching. We build support amongst our fellow coaches, officials, athletes, and their family members; and
- We understand that everyone has a right to privacy, and a right to fair and reasonable treatment.

***Responsibility:*** *The principle of responsibly carries the expectation that whatever role we are in, athlete, parent, official or coach, we undertake our duties to benefit society in general, and the athlete in particular, and that we will do no harm.*

Acting with responsibility means:

- In all our actions we strive to be a role model, acting with integrity, honesty, reliability, and demonstrating good character and a high standard of personal conduct;
- We strive to be competent in whatever role we find ourselves, seeking to be well-prepared and possess up-to-date knowledge so that we can maximize benefits and minimize risks to our athletes; and
- We always act in the best interest of the participant as a whole person;

**Fairness:** *The principle of fairness is embodied in the concept of Fair Play which states that all those involved in sport recognize the importance of fairness, retain a respectful attitude, and uphold appropriate conduct.*

Fairness means:

- We follow all of the rules, and never seek to deliberately break a rule;
- We aim to compete fairly, using talent and ability to win; refuse to win by illegal means or by cheating;
- We respect the official(s), and accept their decisions without doubting their integrity.
- We recognize good performances by the opponent;
- We maintain dignity in all circumstances, and demonstrate self-control. In defeat, recognize with dignity the superiority of the opponent. In victory, act modestly, and do not ridicule the opponent;
- We know all the rules well, and if we are officiating we apply them with impartiality at all times.

**Caring :** *The principle of caring means we are concerned for the well-being of athletes, volunteers, and that we place safety and health considerations first, and promote mutual caring within teams.*

Caring means:

- We are loyal to our team; we put the team above personal glory
- We consistently demonstrate concern for athletes as individuals and encourage them to look out for one another and think and act as a team
- We strive to provide a challenging, safe, enjoyable experience by maintaining a sports environment that is physically and emotionally safe;
- We put safety and health considerations above the desire to win; we never permit athletes to intentionally injure any player or engage in reckless behavior that might cause injury to themselves or others.

**Citizenship** *The principle of citizenship means we are honour the spirit of the rules, promote good sportsmanship.*

Citizenship means:

- We model high ideals of ethics and sportsmanship and always pursue victory with honor;
- We teach, advocate and model the importance of honor and good character by doing the right thing even when it's unpopular or personally costly;
- We put less emphasis on the final outcome of the contest, than upon effort, improvement, teamwork, and winning with character;

## Players Code of Conduct

This document applies to all full-time and part-time athletes involved with the Yukon Soccer Association.

As an athlete you are held accountable for your performance on and off the field of play, and throughout the time you spend with the soccer program. Your personal conduct, before, during and after competition, reflects upon your team's image and it is your responsibility to safeguard the reputation and pride of those that you represent.

I understand, as an athlete, that I am held to the general principles that guide this code of conduct (Respect for All, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring, and Citizenship) and specifically with the following:

1. I will dress and wear appropriate attire whenever I am representing the Yukon, and I will conduct myself at all times in a manner that will be a credit to the territory.
2. I will follow the rules set out by the coaches/chaperones/managers such as curfews, use of cell phones, quiet times, team functions and team attire.
3. I will respect and show consideration to the players, coaches, public, and all volunteers who are involved in hosting a game or tournament.
4. I will not use illegal substances while a participant of this program. I understand that if I am a minor I will not use or purchase tobacco and alcohol.
5. I will abide by the rules and regulations of the CSA, FIFA, YSA and Sport Yukon, as those rules apply from time to time. (Athletes who may be of the legal age to drink are required to adhere to all provincial and/or federal laws and conduct themselves responsibly).
6. I will not willfully damage the property of others, including hotel rooms, gyms, change rooms, my teammates and coaches' stuff, vehicles, buses and other team equipment. I understand that this rule applies when I am traveling and when I am using facilities here in the Yukon.
7. I will not use any sexist, racist comments and I will not participate in harassing behaviour of any kind, to any other athletes, coaches, officials, and to any members of the public.
8. I will not engage in any illegal activities.
9. ***I understand that any illegal activities, any harassment, and any illegal use of drugs or alcohol will result in my automatic removal from the team and that I will be subject to additional sanctions if so determined, including if we are traveling that I will be returned home at my own expense.***

I have read the above statements and I understand them and will follow them.

Players Name (Please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Players' Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_