



## **Code of Conduct – Parents**

Bay Lions FSC understands and appreciates the support that all parents provide to their children during their participation within our program. The role that parents play in the life of a young athlete has a profound impact on his/her experience – we aim to make that influence a positive one. Below is our Code of Conduct, which must be followed by each parent in order for the player to remain within the club. **By signing page 5 of the registration form, you agree to follow ALL policies listed below.**

Respect – you are an ambassador of the club at all times, always conduct yourself with respect. Our governing bodies and associations have made it clear that coaches, players, and parents will be monitored for proper on-the-field and sideline behavior.

Understand and Support Club's Priorities – every lesson being taught by the club to each player is more impactful when parents understand and support these lessons. Every player in Bay Lions FSC will be taught to prioritize the following, in this order:

1. Passion and enjoyment.
2. Development.
3. Winning.

Communication With the Coach – Coach/Parent conversations will be exclusively about player's enjoyment and development within the club's system. Coaching technicalities (such as positions, formations, substitutions, play time, etc.) will not be discussed. As parents, you have trusted us with your son's development as a player and person. We have clear developmental plans in place for each player. You can rest assured knowing the player's wellbeing and development will always be Bay Lions FSC's top priority.

These conversations are to be held in private. Additionally, they should not take place before, during, or immediately following practice sessions or games, unless a prior arrangement has been made. Prior arrangements **must** be made in order for a meeting to take place. Please allow 48 hours to pass after a game before reaching out to the Coach/Club.

## Sideline Behavior

- Support your player and his team with encouragement, not with disapproval. As a rule: **If it is not a positive comment, do not say it.**

- Allow the Coach to coach. Parents are expected to refrain from giving instructions from the sidelines. More often than not, this creates confusion and anxiety for the players since parent's instructions can contradict the Coach's instructions.
- Similarly, negative sideline and/or behind the scenes commentary among the parents quickly becomes toxic. A first incident will be followed by a written warning. A second incident will be cause for removal from the club.

#### Guidance for Players

- Supervise, support, and reiterate your player's personal responsibility for proper and sufficient nutrition, hydration, and rest. Coaches will continuously have these conversations with the players, and the parents' support on the matter is essential.