

## SCOR TRAVEL PLAYER

# CODE OF CONDUCT



**TEAM EXCEL**  
SOCCER

In making a commitment to be a S.C.O.R. player, all team members must do their personal best to understand and follow the Code of Conduct. When S.C.O.R. players follow this Code as a team, they will have more fun, learn more about soccer and become better players as individuals and as a Team. Coaches and parents promise to provide full support to all who do their best.

I promise to live up to my responsibilities as a S.C.O.R. player by following the Code of Conduct presented by the Soccer Club of Ridgefield.

### AS A PLAYER I WILL:

- Have a positive attitude and never give up.
- Exemplify sportsmanship.
- Win without boasting.
- Encourage all my teammates.
- Be on time and prepared for all games and practices (wear uniform/team practice jersey with pride, bring ball (pumped up), bring water, wear soccer cleats, wear shinguards).
- Respect the officials and their decisions.
- Respect my opponents.
- Learn and obey the Rules of Soccer.
- Notify the coach if I will not be able to attend a practice or game.
- Focus my attention on the coaches during practice and listen to what they are trying to teach me.
- Maintain my self-control at all times and avoid arguments.
- Remember that I am proud to represent SCOR.

### AS A PLAYER I WILL NOT:

- Argue with an official, my coach or my teammates.
- Use bad language.
- Participate in horseplay before, during or after practices and games.
- Leave a game or practice without the permission of my coach.
- Make excuses if my team loses.
- Deliberately attempt to harm another player (or teammate in practice).
- Criticize a teammate who makes a mistake.

As a valuable player of S.C.O.R., I will do my best to follow the SCOR Travel Player Code of Conduct and sign the Code of Conduct Pledge at the beginning of each season.

## Player Commitment & Disruption Response Protocol

The following Player Commitment and Disruption Response Protocol will be carried through consistently by all SCOR professional coaches with the intent to improve attendance, attitude and performance of our players:

- **Demand attendance at all practices and games.** Attendance is taken and documented at beginning of each training session and at games. Players are expected to attend all practice training sessions, scrimmages and games (exceptions, i.e. doctor's visit, being sick, school event, personal family issue, etc.). **Practicing and/or playing for another soccer club or soccer program is not an acceptable excuse.**

If player does not have a valid excuse as to why he/she missed a session(s) then player will sit out 20 minutes of first half of next game. If player comes late to a game then player will sit out the first half of game.

If not enough team players are available at game to justify the Club's Response to a player's lack of commitment then the response can be postponed to next possible game.

- **SCOR team games must be a priority.** Players who play for other organizations must make SCOR games their first game of the day. It is not acceptable that players come to our games totally drained and/or disinterested because they have already played their 'important' game.

If player has already played a non-SCOR soccer game then the player will sit out 20 minutes of first half of game. If not enough team players are available at game to justify the Club's Response to a player's lack of commitment then the response can be postponed to next possible game.

- **Behavior at Practices and Games.** Players need to be reminded that they are expected to behave, respect and put 100% effort into every practice and game. They need to understand that it is a privilege to play for SCOR ... if they don't, it is up to professional coach to make sure that this attitude and behavior is adjusted immediately.

If player(s) doesn't behave appropriately as identified by pro coach then they will be a) warned, b) if no change in behavior is noticed then player will be asked to sit down at practice and/or not allowed to play at games. Parent or guardian is made aware of the circumstances as soon as it becomes an issue. If no change is apparent then c) Parents receive a 'Mid-Season Evaluation Form' documenting the players disruptive behavior and d) if no change in behavior is noticed then player will not have the chance to return next season.

