



# Decatur-DeKalb YMCA Soccer Club

## Parents' Agreement & Code of Conduct

Welcome to the Decatur-DeKalb YMCA Soccer Club Family! We look forward to training and encouraging your child in the game of soccer. The following Agreement & Code of Conduct outlines our philosophy that is paramount to the club and game of soccer.

### **Commitment & Financial Obligations**

I understand that my child's commitment to the team extends for one seasonal year, which includes the fall season as well as the spring season, if applicable. I further understand and agree that approval for a release from this team and a transfer to another Academy or Select team during the seasonal year will be within the discretion of the team, pursuant to Georgia Soccer, USYS and US Club Soccer rules, and that no consideration will be given for a release or transfer until all incurred and projected financial obligations for the seasonal year have been paid in full. I also understand that my child may not be eligible to play if payment plan fees are not paid in a timely fashion. DDYSC adheres to a no refund policy once the seasonal year begins.

All DDYSC team members are required to purchase and wear the designated DDYSC uniform. Uniform ordering instructions will be provided to all parents and players.

Each team will play in multiple tournaments each year, and all members of the team shall share equally in paying expenses. If a player does not participate in a tournament, that player remains responsible for their share of the team's expenses. Your team manager can provide an estimate of team expenses for each season.

### **Your Player**

DDYSC attempts to provide the best coaching and training available for your player. Keep this in mind when encouraging your player and their teammates during trainings and matches. Please help your child attend all trainings and games and to be on time and ready to play. It is imperative that if your child will not be able to attend training or a game that the coach and/or team manager are notified in advance.

### **Conduct**

DDYSC wants and needs parent's enthusiasm and support for our teams, but only in a constructive manner. A parent's duty is to encourage; not to coach or to criticize. Please do not coach from the sideline.

While soccer games are exciting for parents and spectators, parent and spectator excitement and enthusiasm must be both positive and controlled. Enthusiasm, in short bursts of encouragement, is welcome and needed. Profane or abusive language will not be tolerated. Always show respect to the players and spectators of the opposing team.

Alcohol, tobacco products, illegal drugs, pets, and firearms are not permitted at any DDYSC organized soccer event (trainings, games, meetings...etc.).

We always welcome families and friends to cheer on the players and teams during games and events. But please remember, you are responsible for the conduct of all visitors you bring to any match or other organized soccer event.

**The Referee**

Never use foul or abusive language toward any of the referees; center or linesmen. The coach and team captain(s) are the only ones who can and should speak to a referee. Each referee is just as different as the field the game is played on. Also remember, most referees at our home fields are either current or prior DDYSC players so they are still a part of the DDYSC family. Please keep this in mind if they make a call you do not agree with. A player, coach, or parent has never overruled a referee and never will.

Anyone who violates this Agreement and Code of Conduct is subject to immediate dismissal from any game and disciplinary action by DDYSC and Georgia Youth Soccer League.

**I (we) have read the above information and accept this agreement as part of our family's commitment to the Decatur-DeKalb YMCA Soccer Club.**

**Participants Name (Printed):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent or Guardian's Name (Printed):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_