



## Oshkosh United 2018/19 Season Code of Conduct Player/Parent Agreement

***It is the policy of the Oshkosh United Soccer Club that its members shall conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike and positive manner when representing the Club at games, tournaments, practices and other Club related activities. Club members are defined as players, coaches, trainers, parents, guardians and other Club supporters.***

***The Club will not tolerate behavior which brings the Club, a team, or a game into disrepute. The Club believes the attitude shown by parents towards coaches, referees, the opposition, as well as the proper perspective of the importance of winning versus losing, are of paramount importance. Inappropriate comments or actions by adults bent on short-term success rather than long range benefits undermines the essence of competition and introduces stresses which are inappropriate for children.***

### Players:

- Players will demonstrate sportsmanship on and off of the field. This includes exercising self-control, graciously accepting the outcomes of games and treating all players and fans with courtesy and respect.
- Players will demonstrate respect for all players and coaches. Profanity, violence and abuse of any nature will not be tolerated. Derogatory language, including that directed at a person's race, ethnicity, gender or physical appearance, will not be tolerated.
- Players will demonstrate unwavering respect for officials. Insulting comments, arguing, gestures and profanity directed at officials will not be tolerated.
- Players will positively represent Oshkosh United on and off the field, at games, practice, tournaments and any other club events.
- Players will positively represent Oshkosh United in their posts, photos and comments made on social media.
- Illegal or immoral acts by players that become detrimental to the Oshkosh United Soccer Club will not be tolerated and are cause for removal from the Club.
- Players will understand the rules of the game based upon their age and level of competition.
- Players, in coordination with their parents/guardians, will notify their coach (in a timely manner) regarding absences from practices, games, and tournaments.

### Parents

- Parents will not approach any parent, player, spectator or coach of the opposing team or referee before, during, or after a game as any attempts to do so may be perceived to be threatening. Parents are responsible for the behavior of any other family member or friend present at an Oshkosh United Soccer Club event.
- Parents will not question the referee's or the referee assistant's judgment. The referee is a symbol of fair play, integrity, and sportsmanship. Many officials are young adults learning how to referee the game. Treat them with respect.

- Parents will treat coaches and club officials with respect even when they may disagree with decisions made by those individuals. Comments or complaints should be made in a respectful manner at a time and place that is appropriate for such discussion; a recommended amount of time of 24 hours is suggested to allow for better reflection and clearer heads for the discussion. Parents need to understand both coaches and club officials are allowed to enjoy free-time away from soccer discussions.
- Parents will encourage good sportsmanship with their behavior, speech and attitude. If necessary, remind fellow parents the same and will accept these reminders graciously when offered by other parents. Parents will demonstrate respect for all players and coaches. Profanity, violence and abuse of any nature will not be tolerated. Derogatory language, including that directed at a person's race, ethnicity, gender or physical appearance, will not be tolerated.
- **Parents will not "coach" from the sidelines.** What you say to a player may be contrary to the wishes of his/her coach.
- Parents and supporters will only sit in designated areas. The acceptable area is generally on the sideline opposite from the coaches and players. Sitting along either end line is not permitted.
- Parents will emphasize skill development over winning. Parents will take time to help their kids practice their skills at home.
- Parents will interact positively with parents and supporters of the opposing team.
- Parents will support all players from their child's team and will be welcoming to all team families on and off the field. Do not gossip or criticize teams, other players or coaches.
- Parents will encourage their child to have fun and enjoy his/her teammates and the competition. Be supportive, unconditionally! Accept wins, losses, and ties.
- Parents will commit to their child's attendance at training sessions, league games, and tournament games. Parents should review the practice, game, and tournament schedules in advance. Unforeseen circumstances may arise and will agree to give notice due to medical or family situations.
- Parents will support their team and the Club by volunteering their services when needed. Volunteers are the cornerstone of the Club.
- Parents will agree to pay all Club fees at the time the fees are due, return all required forms and purchase club uniforms by their due dates. Failure to do so may result in suspension from participation.

***With my signature, I acknowledge I have read and understand the Code of Conduct for Oshkosh United Soccer Club. I agree to abide by these guidelines and I understand that if I do not follow this Code of Conduct, I may be asked to leave the club activity (such as a game or practice), or may be asked to withdraw my child from the club or team.***

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Player Name (please print)

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Parent Name (please print)

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Player Signature

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Date

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Parent Signature

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Date

**Photo/Video/Audio Consent Agreement**

I hereby acknowledge and agree to allow the Oshkosh United Soccer Club to take images and or audio/video of my child at club events. These are for Oshkosh United's use only and may be presented or given to the public in items such as: brochures, pamphlets, newsletters, presentations, web pages, video productions, marketing materials, or similar publications. At no point in these materials will individuals be identified personally or have any personal information linked to their likeness unless additional consent is given to do so. Please leave blank if you do not give consent.

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Player Signature

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Date

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Parent Signature

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