

## **Player Expectations**

The players are selected by the coach. It is important that players observe the guidelines established by the Club, League and United States Soccer Federation (USSF).

### **The player will....**

- Train and play to the best of my ability
- Have a positive attitude and never quit
- Win without boasting and exemplify sportsmanship
- Respect officials and accept their decisions without question
- Only give positive encouragement to fellow teammates
- Arrive prepared for all games and training sessions, i.e. proper mental attitude and gear.
- Respect my coach, teammates and opponents
- Learn and obey the Laws of the Game, the team and the club
- Practice soccer skills and condition on my own
- Notify the coach or team manager if I will be tardy for or unable to make a practice game or meeting

**Play with integrity:** One of the most essential lessons a child can learn from sports is to follow the rules. Make sure your team understands the rules and doesn't break them, even if they have the opportunity to get away with it.

**Respect the officials:** It's important to teach not only our young athletes but also our parents and coaches to respect the referees and officials. Our kids have a watchful eye and take notice when parents and coaches are disrespectful.

**Be a good sport.** This means doing what we can to lift our teammates up and help them reach their potential. Being a good teammate means also being a good person on and off the field regardless of the outcome.

**Maintain self-control.** Keep your cool, have a positive attitude, and don't overreact during practice or games. Be encouraging of other players.

### **Further the player will never...**

- Allow my enthusiasm and commitment for soccer to override by responsibilities to my education
- Use profane or vulgar language
- Use a controlled substance unless prescribed by a physician
- Leave the field or a session without the permission of the coach
- Disregard any instructions of my coach
- Forget that I represent myself, my family, and Atlético Santa Rosa Soccer Club