**PARENTS CODE OF CONDUCT**

Our coaches, trainers and Board of Directors hope that this will be an enjoyable year for you and your family. As part of the registration process, we want to insure that you are fully aware and understand the commitments Tarpon FC makes to you and what our expectations and obligations from you are as a Parent/Guardian of a Tarpon FC player. Please read, sign and return to your Team Manager or Coach.

**\*\*\*\*\* Coaches Coach \*\*\*\*\* Players Play \*\*\*\*\* Parents Cheer \*\*\*\*\* Referees Ref \*\*\*\*\***

1. I will not force my child to participate in sports
2. I will do my very best to make youth sports fun for my child.
3. I will remember that children participate to have fun and that the game is for youth, not adults.
4. I will promote the emotional and physical well being of the student athletes ahead of my personal desire I may have for my child to win.
5. I will refrain from sideline coaching my child or other players during games and practices, unless I am one of the official coaches of the team.
6. I will teach my child that doing one’s best is more important than winning, so that my child will never feel defeated by the outcome of a game or his/her performance.
7. I will never ridicule or yell at my child or other participants for making a mistake or losing a competition.
8. I understand that Fighting, Bullying, abusive conduct and language and/or behaviors that in any way could bring discredit to Tarpon FC are not permitted.
9. I will treat other players, coaches, officials and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, color, sex or ability
10. I will demand that my child treat other players, coaches, officials and spectators with respect regardless of race, sex, or ability.
11. I will teach my child to play by the spirit of the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
12. I (and my guests) will be a positive role model for my child and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, officials and spectators at every game, practice or other sporting event.
13. I (and my guests) will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player, or parent such as booing and taunting; refusing to shake hands; or using profane language or gestures.
14. I will respect the officials and their authority during games and will not question, discuss or confront any official/referee at the game field.
15. I will respect the Coaches and their authority during the games and practices, and I will not question, discuss or confront any coach at the game field. I will take time to schedule a meeting to speak with the coaches a minimum of 48 hours afterwards if I feel it is necessary.
16. I will conduct myself responsibly in any and all forms of social media and messaging. I will not post any negative comments about myself, the club, team, coach or any players. I will monitor my child's social media accounts and text messages and report any posts that I see which violate this policy to the Team Manager and the Board of Directors. This includes but is not limited to - any and all media – text messages, posts, tweets, chats, videos. I understand that failure to comply may result in my suspension from the club.
17. I will help my child enjoy the youth sports experience by doing whatever I can, such as being a respectful fan, assisting with coaching, or providing transportation.
18. I will inform the coach of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others.
19. I will demand a sports environment for my child that is free from drugs, tobacco, and alcohol and I will refrain from their use at all sports events.
20. I understand that only Coaches, Trainers and Tarpon FC officials are allowed on the Player side of the field during practices, scrimmages or games.
21. I agree that playing time in Competitive and Academy games or scrimmages is NOT guaranteed and that the playing time of any player during games is at the sole discretion and authority of TARPONFC coaches.
22. I will learn the rules of the game and the policies of the league.
23. I understand that TARPONFC is affiliated with FIFA, US SOCCER, UNITED SOCCER ASSOCIATION, US SOCCER CLUB and FLORIDA YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION. My guests and I agree to abide by the terms, conditions, Rules, Bylaws and Codes of Conduct implemented by the above Organizations at all times*.*

I hereby pledge to provide positive support, care, and encouragement for my child and other children participating in youth sports by following this **Parents’ Code of Conduct**:

**I also understand that Parents or guests in violation of the code of conduct may be dismissed, suspended, or permanently expelled from practices, games or other team activities. Failure to comply will result in the player(s) being suspended or expelled from the club.**

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Parent Name (print) Parent Signature Date

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