

CATAWBA SOCCER YOUTH ACADEMY GUIDELINES AND CODE OF CONDUCT

Catawba Soccer Youth Academy is committed to developing the total athlete. Our goal is to provide young players and their families with an affordable soccer experience that emphasizes fun and encourages the development of a player's skill, self-confidence, self-esteem, and a love for the game. Your children will have the chance to discover the excitement of soccer in a positive, supportive atmosphere guided by outstanding role models and coaches from Catawba Soccer Youth Academy. Our coaching staff will guide and teach the players to have a positive attitude on and off the field, exhibit respect for everyone around them, promote good sportsmanship, and foster teamwork. Teamwork is the way we play and live. Long term benefits are more important than short term gains. Individual actions reflect on our Team, our Club and our Community.

The Catawba Soccer Youth Academy youth soccer activities are governed by the Bylaws of the US Club Soccer, except where superseded by our affiliation with the USYSA, USSF, and USL. The Code of Conduct is a guide to the principles and expectations of behavior within the Catawba Soccer Youth Academy. These expectations will apply to all persons involved in Catawba Soccer Youth Academy activities regardless of their role or affiliation. These guidelines include any spectator at a Catawba Soccer Youth Academy match or other organization function.

This Code of Conduct is to be read and understood by Catawba Soccer Youth Academy directors, coaches, assistant coaches, managers, referees, players, and parents of each Catawba Soccer Youth Academy registered team before the beginning of each season, fall and spring. Compliance with the Code of Conduct is indicated by the initials and signatures on the Catawba Soccer Youth Academy Intent to Play and Financial Agreement (separate document).

The Role of Catawba Soccer Youth Academy Coaches:

- Be a positive role model.
- Build a foundation for future success both in sport and in life.
- Create and inspire a passion, enjoyment, and respect for the game of soccer.
- Communicate with those whom you lead as you would wish to be communicated with by those who lead you; no profanity will be tolerated.
- Develop the player's appreciation of the game and strive to help them reach his/her full potential.
- Be sensitive to each player's developmental needs.
- Educate the players to the technical, tactical, physical and psychological demands of the game for their appropriate age level.
- Conduct all training sessions in a spirit of enjoyment and learning.
- Set high standards of discipline and sportsmanship.
- Encourage players to strive for excellence through competition.
- Communicate with parents.

Player's Code of Behavior - Catawba Soccer Youth Academy will encourage all players to demonstrate the following:

- I will do my best at ALL practices and during ALL games.
- I will not be disruptive and will do my best to stay focused and listen to my coaches during practices and games.
- I will practice good sportsmanship by treating ALL players, coaches, officials, and parents with respect.
- I will not speak negatively to or about my coaches, teammates, or other teams that I play against.
- I will do my best to encourage my teammates during practices and games.
- I will keep my equipment and the equipment of the team and club in good condition by not using it improperly.
- I understand that my overall improvement comes from training, and to truly improve I must make the commitment to practice on my own, away from scheduled practices and games.
- I understand that my actions, words, and behavior at practices and games will affect my playing time during games.



Responsibility of Parents

The role of a Catawba Soccer Youth Academy parent is a crucial one. Your support will enable your child to have a fun & successful season. We encourage you to work with all the coaches and club administrators/directors throughout the season as we strive to provide a positive learning experience for ALL players. Here are some ways in which we can work together to foster a fun, safe environment for all:

Encourage good sportsmanship

- Be supportive and cheer for your child. Encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for ALL players, coaches, and officials at every event.
- Encourage your child to treat other players, coaches, fans and officials with respect, regardless of age, race, sex, creed, or ability.

Foster a positive environment at all times

- Refrain from yelling out negative comments at the players, coaches, game officials, members of the other teams, and the other parents.
- NEVER use profanity at any practices or games.
- Provide support for coaches and officials working with your child to provide a positive, enjoyable experience for all. Do your best to make youth sports fun for your child.
- Put the game in perspective and not put winning above the well-being of your child or the team.

Let the Coaches Coach

- Refrain from coaching your child or any player on the team from the sidelines.
- Show support for the coach's decisions for the team. You have entrusted the care of your player to these coaches and they need to be free to do their job. If players have too many coaches, it is confusing for them and their performance usually declines.

Encourage your child to practice at home on their own

- Encourage them to spend at least 30 minutes every day touching the ball. Both you and your child will see how quickly their ball skills improve which leads to success in practices and games.

Show commitment

- Each member of our teams is important to the success of the team. Help your child learn the value of commitment by supporting your child and their team by arriving at practices and games on time and communicating with your coach in advance if you have a conflict.

Respectful Communication with the Coach

- Please direct concerns or comments directly to your coach.
- Schedule appropriate times to talk with the coach and or club administrators. Do not approach your coach after a practice unless you scheduled a meeting to do so.
- Give the coach 24 hours before contacting them following a game.
- Communicate in an honest and respectful manner with the coach and the club.
- Speak directly to the club directors/administrators about any concerns you may have and refrain from negative talk with others who are not part of the solution.

Additional guidelines

- Help us provide a drug, alcohol and tobacco-free sports environment for your child and agree to assist by refraining from their use at ALL youth sports events and team gatherings that represent Catawba Soccer Youth Academy.
- Do not bring any pets to any games or practices.



- I understand that refunds will not be given. I understand that weather may affect the number of practices and games that my child receives and refunds will not be given because of weather. I understand that even if my child is injured, I am still fully responsible for all registration fees and team fees.
- I understand that if my actions, words, or behavior at practices and/or games do not follow the guidelines listed above or the guidelines set by Catawba Soccer Youth Academy, that I may be asked to leave the game or practice. I understand that my behavior may also affect the playing time of my child.

Support Catawba Soccer Youth Academy

- Get involved! Volunteer. Help with setting up or cleaning up the field before and after practices, games, or tournaments. Every team needs a dedicated manager!!
- Tell others about Catawba Soccer Youth Academy at school, church, work, and in your neighborhood.
- Support another child financially to participate in the program by helping with club sponsorships or donations.



Our true mission is to unite and grow soccer in Rowan County and for all levels of play.

Teaching the game in a way that is both competitive and fun

