

## DMCV SHARKS CODE OF CONDUCT

The DMCV Sharks seeks to provide a rewarding soccer experience for all players. We believe that the quality of our Club is measured by the attitude and conduct of its members, both on and off the field. We believe that how the game is played is more important than winning. In recognition of these goals and beliefs, the Club has adopted this Code of Conduct for all players and parents.

### Expectations of Club Players

You are part of a team and a Club, and your actions reflect on yourself, your teammates, your coach, and the organization. You agree to:

- Treat coaches, parents, referees, teammates, and opponents with respect.
- Avoid inappropriate behavior during practices, games, and team- or Club-sponsored events.
- Control your emotions during practices and games.
- Attempt to win through skill, effort, and tactics.
- Be fair always, no matter what the outcome will be.
- Take victory modestly and defeat graciously.
- Adhere to the laws of the game.

### Parents

You are a role model for your child and other players. Your actions reflect on and impact your child, his/her teammates, his/her coach, and the organization. You agree to:

- Always remember that the game is for the enjoyment of your child and the other players.
- Treat coaches, parents, referees, and players with respect, and recognize that the coaches volunteer their time for your child's development and enjoyment of the game.
- Avoid inappropriate behavior during practices, games, and team or Club-sponsored events.
- Encourage and support your child in meeting his/her responsibilities.
- Set a good example by your sportsmanship.
- Refrain from directing the players during practices and games.
- Recognize and praise skillful play by both teams, and emphasize positive reinforcement. Adhere to the direction and guidance from any club official that may be present on the fields or at activities.
- Conform to all of the Policies and Procedures of the DMCV Sharks, specifically including that:
  - (1) alcohol and drugs (including unauthorized prescription drugs) shall not be possessed, consumed, or distributed at any Club practice, game, or other Club activity;
  - (2) smoking is not allowed at any Club practice, game, or other Club activity; and,
  - (3) dogs are not allowed at any Club practice, game, or other Club activity.

### "Zero Tolerance" Policy for Player and Referee Abuse

The Club's games are played by youth players, who are learning the skills and tactics of playing soccer. The Club's games are often officiated by youth referees, who are similarly learning the skills and responsibilities of officiating soccer. Just as youth players will make mistakes during play, youth referees will make mistakes in officiating. Of primary importance to the DMCV Sharks is the development, enjoyment of the game, and safety of its youth players and referees. You agree that:

- Verbal abuse of youth players or referees is unacceptable in any situation.
- The Club will not tolerate verbal or non-verbal conduct which questions the referee's authority, derides the referee, or criticizes his/her judgment in making or not making calls during the game.
- The Club has appropriate channels for coaches or parents to share concerns about officiating—specifically, constructive comments about youth referees should be directed to the DMCV Sharks office.
- Violation of the Club's "zero tolerance" policy regarding player and referee abuse may include sanctions, up to and including, being asked to leave my child's game or practice, prohibition from attending future games, or suspension from the Club with no refund.

As the parent or legal guardian of the child named below, I hereby agree to abide by, and to ensure that my child will abide by, this Code of Conduct, and all Policies and Procedures of the DMCV Sharks, and to ensure that my guests at DMCV Sharks activities also are aware of and abide by these rules.

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Player's Name

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Signature of Parent or Guardian

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Date