



The Cedar Area Select Soccer Association is an organization that provides a high quality learning environment for both developmental and skilled soccer players throughout Northern Kent County, Michigan, including extending such opportunities to children and families who are financially unable to provide their own funds to participate. We strive to instill positive attitudes, great sportsmanship, and overall passion to play the game of soccer.

## **PLAYER / PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT AGREEMENT**

### **Goal & Objective:**

Our most important objective is to focus on developing our players for both on the field and off the field decision-making opportunities. Teaching players the fundamental skills of soccer as a game is just part of the overall equation. Teaching them how to play as a team, while focusing on having fun, and reaching their personal goals are key elements in our coaching philosophy.

### **About our Coaches:**

All of our head coaches hold at least an USSF "E" level coaching license. Also, for the overall safety of the players, all coaches and assistant coaches over the age of 18 have an MSYSA Risk Management card, which certifies that a background check has been completed.

### **Players Code of Conduct:**

The following standards are established by the CASSA Club and govern the behavior of all CASSA players before, during and after soccer matches:

- Never address remarks at opposing coaches, players, referees and/or spectators (except for genuine friendship, respect or in response to a question by a referee).
- Never retaliate when fouled.
- Avoid comments or gestures that express disagreement with the official's call.
- Displays of temper will not be tolerated on the field or in playing area.
- Convey a consistently positive attitude toward your teammates or coaches. Your true strength of character will be displayed on the field.
- Play for fun and obey the rules of the game.
- Be a good sport and cheer all good plays.
- Follow the Golden Rule: Treat others as you would like to be treated.
- Accept defeat with dignity. Good losers earn more respect than bad winners.

**Player Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

*(If player is less than 18 years old on the day this form is completed, a parent/guardian is required to sign the below Parent Code of Conduct Agreement.)*

### **Parent Code of Conduct:**

Parents can be a very positive influence on the game of soccer and are encouraged to attend as many contests as possible to support their children. However, being a spectator is not without responsibility. To the extent to which spectators can be a positive influence, they can equally be a negative force. Parents and spectators of the CASSA Club are expected to:

- Remember that children are playing for their enjoyment, not yours.
- Encourage fair play and respect for the laws of the game.
- Teach that honest effort is as important as victory.
- Remember that children learn by example.
- Applaud good plays by ALL players, even those on opposing teams.
- Respect the official's judgment and refrain from negative comments.
- Recognize that all of our coaches are volunteers, so be supportive.
- Remember timing is everything – communication should always be avoided immediately after a contest.

**Parent/Guardian Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_