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Hello Players, Parents and Coaches,

As we embark upon the start of the regular season, we wish you all the best possible experience no matter the result of the match. Our kids will learn valuable lessons throughout the year, and we are excited to play a part in the growth of each and every child in the club.

We know that you will represent Coastal Atlantic FC (CAFC) with the utmost RESPECT for the game and all of those involved in the game. As a friendly reminder please review the Player/Coach/Parent Code of Conduct Policy (below) that all families agreed to during the registration process prior to the start of play this weekend, so we all are reminded about what is expected of each of us in our respective roles and as representatives of CAFC.

## **COASTAL ATLANTIC FC CODE OF CONDUCT**

**Updated: March 28, 2018**

We have worked hard to develop our program and must continue to work hard to maintain and build upon it. In no small measure it is a reflection of the performance and *esprit de corps*, both on and off the playing field, of the three main components of our club: (1) Players, (2) Coaches; and, (3) Parents.

At CAFC, education is far more important than soccer. If, at any time, it is in your child's best interest to miss a practice or game to prepare for an upcoming exam, complete a school project, or their involvement in faith based activities, please have your son/daughter focus on that first. The "education first" decision of the player and/or parent will be completely supported.

It is important for all CAFC players, coaches, and parents to know what is expected of each in their respective roles and as representatives of CAFC. The following Code of Conduct [Policy](#) outlines these fundamental expectations and responsibilities.

**These conduct requirements apply from the moment a coach/parent/player arrives at the facility for any CAFC related event to the moment of departure from the facility. Any behavior in violation of this policy is subject to both review by the Board of Directors and the resulting punishment as decided by that group.**

**As a player the club, my coach(es) and parent(s) can expect the following from me:**

- I will exhibit good sportsmanship and respect at all times to my teammates, by helping them to grow as players and teammates, my coach(es), our

opponents, referees and the families and fans of soccer.

- I will come to practices and games as scheduled by my coach and give a 100% work effort. I will let the coach or team manager know if I am unable to participate in practice or play in a game well in advance whenever possible.
- It is my responsibility to have all my equipment for practices and games, not my parents' responsibility. I will give my best effort for my participation on the team and in support of CAFC.
- I will take responsibility for my participation and communicate any concerns to my coach.
- I will respect myself, my parents and coaches.

**As a coach the club, my players and their parent(s) can expect the following from me:**

- I will exhibit good sportsmanship and respect at all times to our team members, my fellow coaches, our opponents, referees, and the families and friends of soccer.
- I will set the practice schedule and come to practices and games as scheduled and will let the players and team manager know well in advance of schedule changes.
- I will give my best effort for the team and in support of CAFC.
- I will help the team and individual players develop and enhance their soccer skills, sportsmanship, teamwork and enjoyment of the game of soccer.
- I will, to the best of my ability, respond to questions or concerns raised by the players on my team.

**As a parent the club, my child and his/her coach can expect the following from me:**

- I will exhibit good sportsmanship and respect at all times to members of the team, the coaches, my fellow parents, referees, our opponents, and the families and friends of soccer.
- I agree to always be positive with players before, during and after a game: win, lose or draw.
- I will "let the coach(es) coach" and understand that having more than one "coach" is confusing to my child.
- I will ensure that my son/daughter comes to practices and games as scheduled. If my son/daughter is not able attend I will give at least 24 hours notice for a practice and one week notice for a game whenever

possible.

- I will encourage my son/daughter to take responsibility for their commitment to their team and CAFC, including, but not limited to, encouraging my son/daughter to raise any questions or concerns he/she has directly with his/her coach.
- I will support and encourage my child and his/her teammates and coach(es).
- I recognize that youth soccer and playing for CAFC is, first and foremost, for and about our children and their development in soccer and, more importantly, as people.
- I will support my child unconditionally.
- I agree that I will not approach my son/daughter while they are warming up prior to a game AND for at least a 20 minute period after a game while the coaching staff speaks with players.
- I agree to wait 48 hours after a game to discuss any game related matter with the coach. I agree that I will email the coach prior to the conversation in order to notify him/her of my concerns.
- I agree to respect the privacy of the other players and parents on our team.
- I agree that in the seeming case of a coach not fulfilling his obligations as set forth in this agreement, to approach the team Head Coach with my concern and try to resolve the issue. If I am not able to resolve the issue with the Head Coach, I will contact CAFC's Technical Director with the concern.
- I understand that my child's player pass is the property of the league and not my personal property.
- I agree to abide by the league's and governing soccer organization's rules under which my child's team is participating.
- I am not to criticize or berate any of my child's team mates in person or via social media.

**Coastal Atlantic FC has flourished and will continue to do so with our shared commitment to excellence and sportsmanship. Best of luck throughout the season, and we hope you will find the season rewarding.**