

Penn Fusion **Soccer Academy**

Penn Fusion Coaches, Parents & Players Expectation Agreement

Penn Fusion Mission Statement

Penn Fusion Soccer Academy, a joint venture between West Chester United Soccer Club and Spirit United Soccer Club, will provide a professional environment for elite players to develop their skills and compete in the highest levels of soccer currently available, both regionally and nationally. The primary goal of the Academy will be the development of the *total player*, including the technical, tactical, physical, and psychological areas of our players' development. There will be an emphasis on extensive training time and participation in only competitive matches so that each player can reach their full potential and enhance their enjoyment of the game.

Penn Fusion Philosophy

Penn Fusion Soccer Academy's Philosophy:

- Provide a professional environment focused on the development of the elite player
- Provide the appropriate training and strength of competition
- Develop technical skills, tactical awareness, teamwork and sportsmanship
- Provide qualified and experienced coaches who will create opportunities for growth in a positive, competitive and challenging environment
- Provide specialist goalkeeping, SAQ, PT, nutrition and soccer educators to develop the total player with a love for the game
- Provide first rate facilities for training and games

Penn Fusion Commitment

Each player will be afforded the opportunity to play at the highest level commensurate with his or her ability and commitment to the game. As a non-profit organization, the continued success of Penn Fusion is dependent upon the active and expected participation of parents/guardians and players. Penn Fusion does not discriminate according to race, gender, ethnic or religious background, and is open to players and adults who abide by the principles, rules, regulations and decisions of Penn Fusion. Penn Fusion and its Management Committee, coaches, teams, players and other representatives shall be governed by the principles stated in this Missions Statement in all of their actions and decisions.

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Penn Fusion Expectations of Coaches, Parent & Players:

The coach is expected to behave in a manner conducive to the promotion of good sportsmanship at all times including practice, during games and at any other team or program event. Coaches are an extension of Penn Fusion, and recognize the importance of their role in casting a positive reflection on Penn Fusion. More often than not, both players and parents tend to adopt the coach's attitude and behavior. The coach, who argues and complains incessantly, berates officials throughout games, looks down on or criticizes opponents and otherwise demonstrates a haughty attitude is likely to have players who are conditioned to show a lack of respect for the game and exhibits poor sportsmanship. Penn Fusion has little tolerance for such a coach, and seeks instead one who provides an environment that enriches Penn Fusion players and fosters a sense of good will in all areas of the game. We also look for our parents to demonstrate the same sideline conduct as our coaches, and a similar positive attitude towards all players and coaches. We also expect all of our players to always demonstrate sportsmanship to their teammates, opponents, coaches, and referees. This will foster a positive environment for all players to demonstrate ongoing sportsmanship to their teammates, opponents, coaches, and referees and to develop a love of the game.

It is critical for all Penn Fusion players and parents to understand what is expected of them in their respective roles and as representatives of Penn Fusion. The following sections describe these required expectations and responsibilities for each, and require signatures each season that will be maintained in each teams binder to remind all of us of this agreement.

As a PLAYER, my coaches and parents can expect the following from me:

- I will exhibit good sportsmanship at all times to my teammates, my coaches, our opponents, referees and spectators.
- I will come to practices and games as scheduled on time in accordance to my coach and give a 100% effort. I will let the coach or team manager know if I am unable to participate in practice or play in accordance to team policy.
- It is my responsibility to have all my equipment for practices and games, not my parents' responsibility to provide for me.
- I will take responsibility for my participation on the team, and direct my questions or concerns to my coach.
- I will respect myself, my teammates, my parents and coaches and referees.

Player's Signature _____

Player's Name (Print) _____

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

- I will exhibit good sportsmanship at all times to members of the team, the coaches, my fellow parents, referees, our opponents, and all spectators.
- I will let the coach provide all instructions and understand that having more than one person coaching can cause confusion to the players.
- I will ensure that my son/daughter comes to practices and games as scheduled on time as outlined by the coach.
- I will encourage my son/daughter to take responsibility for their commitment to their team and Penn Fusion, 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 coaches.
I recognize that youth soccer and playing for Penn Fusion is first and foremost, for and about our children and their development in soccer and enjoying the sport of soccer.

Parents' Signature _____

Team _____

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