

COEUR D'ALENE SOCCER CLUB (STING SOCCER)  
PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT

## 1. GENERAL

Coeur d'Alene Soccer Club members represent the Club. They are expected to conduct themselves at all times in a manner that will reflect the high standards and ideals of their team, the Club, and the community. Players who violate the Code of Conduct shall be subject to discipline. This Code sets forth standards of conduct and penalties for improper conduct. Further provisions are set forth in the Club's Statement of Policies for Cautions and Send-Offs and the Statement of Policies for Off-Field Conduct. The Club has also adopted a Statement of Hearing Procedures. Copies of the complete Statements are available upon request.

## 2. THE STING PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT

Rules of conduct enacted by the United States Soccer Federation, the Idaho Youth Soccer Association, and District 6 of the Washington Youth Soccer Association (where District 6 play is involved), if any, shall apply to the members of the Club. Cautions (yellow cards) and send-offs (red cards), relating to conduct on the field of play, shall be issued by referees in their discretion, according to the FIFA Laws of the Game, generally without protest or appeal. In the absence of conflicting rules observed by such entities, the Code of Conduct for this Club is as follows:

- A. Players representing the Club in soccer activities must meet the dress and grooming standards deemed appropriate by the coach, Club Director and the Club Board of Directors. Coaches shall notify players of the expected standards, and shall be responsible for enforcement of such standards. Players shall wear team uniforms as designated by the Club during all games, which uniforms shall be identical except for sizes, numerals and goalies' jerseys. Exceptions shall be subject to the approval of the Club Director.
- B. Players shall attend all scheduled practices, team meetings, games, and tournaments, unless excused by the coach. In any case, a player missing any required shall notify the coach in advance.
- C. Players shall not display or engage in unsportmanslike conduct, which shall include but not be limited to the use of obscene, vulgar, or profane language or gestures.
- D. Players shall obey curfews imposed by their coaches and/or chaperones.
- E. Players shall not engage in conduct detrimental to their team, the Club, or the community.

F. Players shall not engage in conduct that is criminal or considered immoral by local standards as determined by the Board. Such behavior would include, but in not limited to, the following:

1. Theft of property;
2. Destruction of property;
3. Assault and/or battery;
4. Use, possession, consumption, or sale of: tobacco and/or tobacco products; alcoholic beverages; or drugs and/or drug paraphernalia.

### 3. ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES

#### A. ON-FIELD CONDUCT; CAUTIONS AND SEND-OFFS; POINTS

Yellow and red cards may be awarded by the referee to signify misconduct of a player, coach, or team administrator on or near the field, and shall pertain to behavior not only during a game, but also immediately before or after the game. The coach is responsible for tracking points. Should the point totals become excessive the Board will intervene. The following is a summary of the impact of cautions (yellow cards) and send-offs (red cards). **Points are recalculated each season.**

Caution (Yellow Card): One point assessed  
Not required to leave field, unless second offense

Send-Off (Red Card): Three points assessed (Send-Off offense)  
One point assessed (Second Caution offense)  
Required to leave field for rest of game  
Suspended for next game

Point Accumulation: 3 points -- suspended from next game.  
**9 points – suspended until player petitions board at next scheduled meeting.**  
15 team points – hearing on coach

## **B. OFF-FIELD CONDUCT; HEARINGS AND PENALTIES**

Upon a finding of misconduct, the Board or the Disciplinary Committee, as the case may be, shall impose appropriate sanctions on the accused party, which sanctions shall be limited to suspension from games and/or other Club or team activities, or termination of membership in the Club. The Club shall have no power to impose monetary fines or other sanctions which might be available under normal legal process.

For conduct specifically described under Paragraph 2F of this Code of Conduct (listed examples of criminal conduct), the following guidelines shall be applicable as the maximum penalties:

Paragraph 2F(1), (2), or (3) -- theft, destruction, assault, battery:

First Offense:	Suspension for fourteen (14) days, but not less than one game. Must attend all games and practices in proper attire during suspension period.
Second Offense:	Must come before the Board.

Paragraph 2F(4) – tobacco, alcohol or drugs

First Offense:	Suspension for fourteen (14) days, but not less than one game. Must attend all games and practices in proper attire during suspension period.
Second Offense:	Must come before the Board.

Misconduct occurring during travel away from Coeur d'Alene, the coach, Club Director, any member of the Board, any referee, and any Club Administrator shall have the authority to send the player home immediately at the cost of the player or his or her parent(s), by whatever means is deemed necessary to the person exercising this power, with due consideration for the traveling safety of the player.

## **4. REPORTING OF VIOLATIONS OF THE CODE OF CONDUCT**

Disciplinary proceedings relating to alleged violations of this Player Code of Conduct may be commenced by any of the following methods:

- A. Accusations of misconduct brought by any parent or other adult, coach, referee, or other player having direct or otherwise reliable knowledge of the claimed misconduct and who shall be willing to present evidence of the misconduct to the Board or Discipline Committee;

- B. Findings by the Board, or by a Committee appointed by the Board, following investigation into any allegation of misconduct, where such investigation discloses the likelihood of a violation of the Code of Conduct;
- C. Admission of misconduct by the player;
- D. In the case of criminal conduct, the arrest of a player and/or the filing of an official report against the player by any law enforcement officer.

**We, the undersigned, have read, understand, and agree to abide by the above Player Code of Conduct and related rules and regulations. We also agree to accept actions taken for failure to abide by the code.**

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**Player** **Date**

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**Coach** **Date**

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**Player's Parent** **Date**

**Date Adopted September 10, 2008**