



CODE OF CONDUCT 2011-2012

PLAYERS, PARENTS, AND COACHES

SC United FC - Mount Pleasant supports youth soccer activity that is governed by a sense of fair play and sportsmanship. Our players, coaches, parents, opponents, and officials are to be treated with respect at all times. Discrimination based on race, color, religion, or gender will not be tolerated. Misconduct and violent/dangerous actions by players, parents, and coaches WILL NOT be tolerated.

SC United FC - Mount Pleasant is a non-profit organization and SC United FC - Mount Pleasant Board members is aware of the ever-increasing cost involved in playing the game. We are determined to provide the financial structure that allows our members to progressively develop their game. In order to meet our financial obligations, it is vital that each member of the club meet their financial obligations in a complete and timely fashion. Failure to do so without making satisfactory payment arrangements will result in player suspension or ejection from the club.

Each person associated with SC United FC - Mount Pleasant is responsible for his or her behavior. Parents should be aware that children tend to mimic adult behavior. Coaches or their designated representative are responsible for their players, parents, and spectators. Positive support for the team and staff is expected. SC United FC - Mount Pleasant prides itself on the excellent conduct and sportsmanship of our players, parents, coaches, and spectators.

It is a privilege to travel as a representative of SC United FC - Mount Pleasant. Our players, parents, coaches, and spectators are expected to act appropriately at all times. We have a reputation to uphold and therefore remember that negative details of a team's conduct travels much further than positive details.

In the interest of preserving and enhancing health, our club has totally and unequivocally banned the possession, sale or use of all alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs or tobacco products by a player while participating in any SC United FC - Mount Pleasant activity. Any player found to be in violation will face severe consequences, which may include suspension or expulsion from SC United FC - Mount Pleasant. In addition, parents are expected to follow appropriate behavior in these areas that are not detrimental to SC United FC - Mount Pleasant.

SC United FC - Mount Pleasant actively supports game officials. They are often faced with difficult decisions that may be unpopular. Verbal abuse toward officials by players, coaches, parents or spectators, WILL NOT be tolerated and could result in said individual being asked to leave a playing area (a coach may also be sent off for poor behavior). Referees also have the authority to suspend play if a coach does not control his/her players, parents or spectators. Therefore you can see that positive behavior is vital to the team, and individual, standing as a member of SC United FC - Mount Pleasant.



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PARENTAL SUPPORT AND PLEDGE

The SC United FC - Mount Pleasant Board takes an active role in developing funding for the promotion of soccer. Every player has an obligation to participate in fundraising functions or financially supporting the club beyond team and club fees. Every player's family will be asked to choose between four hours per season per player of volunteer time in Club tournament and event staffing, or to donate \$100.00 per season funding to support the program. Your choice will be recorded at the time of registration. Volunteer time must be completed by the parent, not the player. Please review the complete Volunteer Policy as posted on www.scunitedmountpleasant.com under Club Forms.

The Booster Club is also looking for key individuals to help head up club functions:

- Fundraising Events
- Tournament Committee members
- Club Board members
- Sponsor Development leadership

Should you be interested in these positions please contact Julie Barnard at julie.barnard@scunitedmountpleasant.com.

Each team will set up a team account at the designated Club sponsoring bank. Each team will collect their own funding for tournaments and other associated teams fees. A team budget will be submitted to parents at the beginning of each season. The budget will outline the expected expenses and cost per player along with payment due date. Failure to meet the financial commitment to the team will result in player suspension. Teams may conduct their own fundraising. SC United FC - Mount Pleasant Board must approve all fundraising efforts.

Please see www.scunitedmountpleasant.com for more information and contact numbers.



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DIRECTOR OF COACHING

The Director of Coaching will oversee and finalize all soccer decisions related to the following:

PLAYER/PARENT

- 1) Movement of players between teams at any time is at the discretion of the Director of Coaching.
- 2) Placement of players in an older age group at any time is at the Director of Coaching.
- 3) Playing time is not guaranteed on U13-U18 select teams.
- 4) Proper procedure for any issues/complaints is to first be addressed with the team coach. If necessary, issue will then be addressed by Director of Coaching and the Board President.
- 5) Attendance is required at training, matches, and other scheduled team functions.
- 6) There is no guarantee that a player will remain on the same team throughout the fall and spring season.

COACH

- 1) Evaluated per season. Coaches will stay with, change from, or be dismissed from a team based on the evaluation and discretion of the Director of Coaching.
- 2) Training and matches
 - a. The Director of Coaching at any time will assist or direct a training session or match based upon their discretion.
 - b. Attendance is required at training, matches, monthly coaches meetings, clinics, etc.
- 3) Movement of players between teams at any time is at the discretion of the Director of Coaching.
- 4) NO RECRUITING is allowed within the club. Outside recruiting must be coordinated with the Director of Coaching and must follow SCYS rules and regulations.
- 5) Placement of players in an older age group at any time is at the discretion of the Director of Coaching.
- 6) The Director of Coaching and his/her staff will be responsible for the final selection of outside competition (state cup, tournaments, friendlies).
- 7) Professional appearance/actions are expected. Proper soccer attire is required at all soccer activities related to SC United FC- Mount Pleasant. Also, the team's behavior is a strong reflection on the coaching staff so a professional approach will elicit a professional response.



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SANCTIONS

SC United FC - Mount Pleasant Code of Conduct is an extension of the South Carolina Youth Soccer (SCYS) guidelines. We at SC United FC - Mount Pleasant are proud to be a leader in setting tougher standards in key situations, such as fighting and verbal abuse (foul and abusive language).

Players receiving a red card will be ejected from the game immediately and will not be allowed to participate in his/her team's next match. Repeat offenders could face further sanctions as determined by the Director of Coaching or the SCYS.

Ejections for fighting or foul and abusive language:

- If the red card or second yellow card is definitely warranted, SC United FC-Mount Pleasant player will sit out the remainder of the game, the next scheduled game, and possibly, additional scheduled games. Note that the current South Carolina Youth Soccer rules require that a player sit out only one additional game. Based on previous card history or the action taken by the player, the Director of Coaching may decide to extend the number of games that the player sits out.

Dissent:

- If the yellow is definitely warranted, SC United FC - Mount Pleasant player will sit out the rest of the game. If the card is issued in the second half of a game, then the player must sit out the first half of the next scheduled game.

Note that both of the above situations, the word "warranted" is used. This allows the Director of Coaching and/or coach to use their discretion and make their own judgment as to the appropriateness of the call.

Coaches/Parents/Spectators that are told to leave the playing area must leave the playing area immediately, i.e., must be out of sight of the officials. If the Director of Coaching and/or SCUFC-MP Board deems it appropriate, he or she will be banned from attending games for at least one week.



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AGREEMENT

Parents who agree to their child playing with SC United FC - Mount Pleasant, and players who agree to play soccer for SC United FC -Mount Pleasant accept ALL the rules and regulations as stated above and agree that all actions must lead to the successful fulfillment of these objectives. Any violation of the Code of Conduct will result in action from the Director of Coaching and/or SCUFC-MP Board.

Remember, the players, coaches, and referees will make mistakes, but the games are merely games, which our children are playing for enjoyment and to learn the game of soccer. We can still be competitive without crossing the line of decent behavior. We must not lose sight of the fact that our children will follow our example and we should act accordingly.

The code of conduct was developed with the input from the South Carolina Youth Soccer code of conduct, the United States Youth Soccer Association and SC United FC - Mount Pleasant Directors of Coaching past and present.

Remember: we are all representatives of SC United FC - Mount Pleasant!

My child and I have read and thoroughly acquainted ourselves with the SC United FC -Mount Pleasant Code of Conduct. We understand the consequences of not following both the spirit and the letter of these rules.

_____/_____
Parent/Guardian Signature Date

Player's Age Group

_____/_____
Player's Signature Date

Print Player's Name

Matt Parmer
Junior Academy DOC

Kian Brownlee
Select DOC