



# PARENT/PLAYER AGREEMENT

## ATLETICO F.C.

The Atletico F.C. program is intended to provide young athletes the opportunity to develop their athletic skills and sportsmanship like attitudes in a more competitive atmosphere. Achieving a good feeling about yourself and others.

Understanding that “perfect practice makes perfect play”.

Experiencing that good hustle and a strong commitment can accomplish almost anything.

Learning to respect yourself, your teammates and your coaches, no matter what level of success you have on the field.

Soccer is a team sport. Atletico F.C. is set up to give the team a chance to learn how to win, to be safe and to have fun. In order to meet these requirements, the Club requires all players and parents to adhere to certain basic rules and principles of the Club. Although this Parent/Player Agreement (the “Agreement”) does not cover all of the policies of the Club, nor does it address all potential issues, it does address a number of the core concerns and issues that typically arise each year. It further addresses the financial obligations of parents and guardians. Since the opportunity to play for the Club is both a privilege and a responsibility, the Club requires all players and parents to read and sign this Agreement. Please discuss any questions you may have with your coach, the Program Director or the Youth Academy Director.

## PLAYERS

**As a competitive player for Atletico F.C., I agree to:**

1. Train and play to the best of my abilities.
2. Have a positive, never give up attitude.
3. Respect my coaches and teammates, and only give positive encouragement.
4. Respect my opponents and not play in such a manner that I do not purposely attempt to hurt or injure another player.

### **RULE #1**

*Be at every practice on time, ready to play. Do not leave early or make it a social gathering.*

Reason: Coaches and Trainers have routines for each practice. Being 5 minutes late disrupts the team and reduces efficiency. “Ready to play” means being fully dressed and on the field at the start of every practice. Exceptions: Some conditions warrant excused absences, which must be approved by the coach or team manager ahead of time.

### **RULE #2**

*Players are not allowed to criticize other players (or themselves) on or off the field.*

Reason: Bad feelings between players reduce good playing. Being mad at yourself often rubs off on others and also destroys team play. It is the coach’s responsibility to instill acceptable attitudes at all times. Exceptions: None.

### **RULE #3**

*Players will play positions assigned by the coach and will show appropriate respect at all times.*

Reason: Playing different positions allows players a balanced experience and teaches respect for teammates and other positions. Parents are expected to support coach’s decisions regarding field positions and other similar situations. Exceptions: None.

### **RULE #4**

*Playing time will be determined by Coaches. Every effort will be made by coaches to ensure each player gets playing time. There will be no minimum playing time.*

Reason: Atletico F.C. is a competitive, travel program. Coaches have a responsibility to field a competitive team at all times. Coaches will determine playing time based on the following criteria: Importance of game, score of game, # of available players, level of play, performance, attitude, attendance at practice, and injury.



## PARENTS

**As a parent of a competitive player for Atletico F.C., you agree to:**

1. Follow all guidelines set forth in the Parent Code of Conduct.
2. Accept the team placement of my player.
3. Help my player to meet all team and club expectations and commitments.
4. Pay all team, club and uniform fees by their due dates.

### **Playing Time**

The object of Atletico F.C. is to improve the players' skill levels and to play competitive soccer. It is possible that players will get less than 30% playing time in a game. However, practice will improve every player's skill and this is the building block for his/her future sports achievement and pleasure. Player/parent relationship is critical in supporting this improvement. Teams do not win without good benches. Remember, the coach selected your child because he/she saw potential in their ability. Playing time issues must be addressed off the field and in an appropriate manner. (See Rule #4 above).

## Parent Code of Conduct

### **Proper Conduct**

1. In order to promote Club and team unity and to establish a positive Club and team identity, each player and parent in the Club is expected to conduct themselves honestly, professionally, and in a manner respectful of the other players on their team, other players in the Club, the coaches, the referees, spectators, and the opposing players and coaches. Furthermore, whether at games or at practices, it is the expectation of the Club that parents and players will: (a) conduct themselves in a proper and socially acceptable manner; (b) exhibit behavior that supports the health, safety and well being of others; (c) provide a drug, tobacco and alcohol free environment; (d) refrain from the use of profanity or offensive language and ethnic or religious slurs; (e) abide by all laws, rules, regulations and ordinances, whether city, state or local; and (f) abstain from any type of conduct intended to humiliate or intimidate others. Acts of disrespect to the coach, players, spectators, the opposing team or referees, or acts in violation of the standards of conduct set forth herein, may, at the discretion of the coach, result in a temporary suspension of the player or parent involved. Continued acts of disrespect or inappropriate behavior, may result in the removal of the player or parent from the Club.

2. Any player possessing or using drugs, alcohol, cigarettes or any illegal substance, or acting under the influence of drugs or alcohol while participating on behalf of Atletico F.C. in a game, practice, event or activity, will be immediately suspended by the Club.

3. Although parents are encouraged to offer positive words of support to players, coaching by parents from the sidelines (whether during a practice or during a game), or making negative comments about players that can be heard by the players, is not acceptable. It is also important that players not be distracted during a practice or a game by parents shouting instructions or attempting to coach any player. "Coaching" includes any comment that could be heard by any player and which could be interpreted as instruction on technique, form, positioning, tactics or strategy. (For example, comments such as "pass" or "shoot" constitute instruction to a player). Also, parents should be aware that constantly talking to your child or other players on the team may be a distraction to the ability of the player or players to concentrate on the game and make decisions, and may also conflict with the efforts of the coach to communicate with the players. As such, parents are encouraged to cheer for the players, but should refrain from distracting and constant commentary on the play or the effort of the players. If you are not sure whether a particular type of remark qualifies as "coaching," consult your child's team coach.

In the event that a parent coaches a player during a practice or a game, or makes negative comments about a player which can be heard by any player on the team, the coach will warn that parent and ask them to refrain from further coaching or comment. If the parent's improper behavior persists despite the warning or warnings, the coach may instruct the parent to leave the practice or game field. The coach may also choose to sit the child of the offending parent out of the game or practice session. In such cases, the coach will inform the affected player that the reason for their removal from the practice session or the game is that their parent has behaved inappropriately. At the discretion of the coach, the coach may refer the matter of a parent's conduct to the Atletico Committee for investigation regarding possible action to be taken against a



parent. In such a case, once the matter is referred to the Atletico Committee, the parent is immediately suspended from the practice and game sidelines and the child of that parent is similarly automatically suspended (pending investigation). Following its investigation, the Atletico Committee may choose to suspend the parent and/or player for a portion, or the entirety, of the season.

The repeated failure to abide by the policy regarding parental conduct, may result in the offending parent's child being removed from the team, without the right of refund for any moneys paid.

The foregoing obligations apply to any and all guests, family members and friends of parents and players and parents and players will be held responsible for such parties' conduct.

4. Parents are free to discuss any issue with the coach regarding a child's playing time, parental discipline, or any other team related issue, after the conclusion of a practice or game (or at any other time arranged with- the coach), provided the parent is respectful of the need to conduct such discussions away from the players on the team.

**Consent**

5. I hereby give my son/daughter permission to participate in all soccer programs sponsored by the Club. I am aware that there is the risk of personal injury or death from participation in these programs and I hereby assume such risk. In consideration of permission being granted to participate in these activities, I hold harmless and indemnify the Club and its officers, directors, agents and employees for, from and against any and all claims or liability connected with my child or my family's participation in the Club's programs of any kind.

**Photo Release**

6. I hereby give permission without restrictions to the Club and its assignees to photograph, film or videotape my son, daughter and/or my family during participation in any of the Club's activities or programs. The Club may use my son's, daughter's or family's likeness to promote the Club, including, without limitation, the right to publish such images on the Club's web site or other media.

7. This Agreement must be signed by any parent, guardian, or person acting as a parent or guardian, who expects to be treated by the Club and its coaches as a player's parent for purposes of participating in conversations or receiving communications about the player and his or her team.

I/we have read this Agreement, and agree to its terms.

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**It is required that players/parents honor commitments made to Teams and coaches. In order to be a successful competitive, travel soccer program, players/parents must understand that attendance at practice and League play is necessary for the Team's success.**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, parent of \_\_\_\_\_, player, have reviewed and discussed with my child the rules and regulations. I agree to accept and abide by these rules and will be a positive, supportive influence to my child, the other players and coaches and the team in general.

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**Player Signature**

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**Date**

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**Parent/Guardian Signature Date**

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**Date**