



Sting Timbers FC Parent Expectations

1. Avoid coaching from the sidelines. Cheer, but **do not coach** from the sidelines. Players do best when they are receiving direction only from their coach and are not receiving conflicting directions from the sideline. Players need to be able to hear their coach.
2. Encourage your player to solve his or her own problems, and take responsibility for his or her own actions. This means:
 - a. Players should call the coach beforehand if missing practice;
 - b. Players should communicate problems to the coaching staff first (injury, missing an upcoming game/event) before parents do;
 - c. Players who are unhappy about playing time, position, etc. should be encouraged to take a positive action (work harder, find out what the coach wants, work his or her way up the ladder, or, accept his or her role). While parents can always share a concern with the coach, issues such as these should first be discussed by the player and coach.
3. Help your player take responsibility for rest and meals. Be sure he or she gets sleep the night before games and eats quality pre-game meals with respect to kick-off or practice times.
4. Get your player to and from practice, and to and from games, on time. Players should arrive prior to a game or practice at the coach's instruction. Parents should arrive early at practices and five minutes prior to the end of practice to pick up their athletes.
PLEASE NOTE: *The second to last parent picking up players from practice or games, agrees to wait with the coach until the last parent arrives to pick up their player.*
5. Avoid making negative comments regarding Sting Timbers FC in front of your player or any other club member. This includes comments regarding coaches, parents, administrators, and other players. Negative comments affect players' attitudes, interactions, and performances.
6. Respect the competition. Without competition we would have no one to play and no way to improve. This means refraining from negative comments directed at the competition from the sidelines and after games.
7. Think in terms of 'team interest first'. This means: a) playing time may not be equal or guaranteed; b) players will be asked to play in positions that may not their favorites, but are the best for the team; c) players are expected to attend all practices; d.) players are expected to attend all team tournaments and avoid distracting behavior at tournaments.
8. Realize all players must compete for their spots on the field, the bench and the roster.
9. Players and parents should be flexible and supportive of their team coach.

10. Be respectful to all referees – Negative comments from the sideline will not be tolerated. Negative behavior from sidelines forces referees to quit. We are in short supply of referees so please choose to support rather than criticize.
11. Parents must display appropriate behavior. This includes appropriate behavior before, during and after a game. If a problem arises or persists once the parent has been spoken with, he or she will be asked to leave the game. Consistent displays of inappropriate behavior by parents can result in suspension of game attendance for a period of time and/or loss of playing time for their players. If the problem continues the club has the option to drop the player from the club.
12. Be considerate as to when to and when not to speak to the coaches.
 - a. Avoid speaking with the coach before or during practice;
 - b. Parents who have a concern should honor the 24 hour rule. Strictly avoid discussing any issues with a coach before, during, or immediately after matches. This includes face to face conversation, email, or phone communication. If necessary, parents may schedule a time to meet with the coach.
 - c. If you feel the need to talk to a coach, ask to schedule the meeting for a time that is convenient for him or her. Also, please avoid calling coaches after 9 p.m. or anytime on Sundays.
13. All parents are required to volunteer to serve the team and club. This may include but is not limited to team volunteer positions, (such as manager), and volunteering for the annual Hot Shot tournament.
14. All parents must participate in fundraising activities. Parents must sell or purchase a minimum required number of raffle tickets (or other fundraising minimum requirements) as established by the board.
15. There is a financial commitment for joining the club that includes purchasing uniforms, tournament fees and travel expenses above and beyond club registration fees. Unpaid fees to the club or to the team will result with your player being added to the “no pay, no play” list.

Additional information and requirements are listed in the Parent Player Handbook which is available on the club website.

Any questions I have regarding the Parent Player Handbook, will be addressed with the board of directors or club administrator.

Parent Signature: _____

Parent Name: _____ Date: _____

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