



ATHLETIC UNITED SC

PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT

2026 CLUB EDITION

PLAY WITH PURPOSE. COMPETE WITH CHARACTER. RESPECT THE BADGE.

OUR PLAYER STANDARD

Athletic United players represent more than themselves. Every training session, match, tournament and club event is an opportunity to show discipline, effort, humility and respect. This Code of Conduct defines the standard expected from every player who wears the Athletic United badge.

WHAT ATHLETIC UNITED EXPECTS FROM EVERY PLAYER

- Give honest effort in training and matches, regardless of the score, role or opponent.
- Treat teammates, coaches, opponents, referees, staff and families with respect.
- Arrive prepared, on time and ready to learn.
- Accept coaching and correction with a positive attitude.
- Represent Athletic United responsibly at club activities and in the community.
- Put team success and development ahead of individual attention or recognition.

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1. TRAINING STANDARDS

- Arrive on time with the required uniform, footwear, water and equipment.
- Be mentally ready to train. Phones and other distractions should remain away unless a coach gives permission.
- Listen when coaches are speaking and transition quickly between activities.
- Train with intensity while maintaining control and respect for teammates.
- Do not intentionally disrupt sessions, mock another player or refuse reasonable coaching instructions.
- Help create an environment where teammates can improve without fear of embarrassment.

2. MATCH-DAY STANDARDS

- Be ready at the reporting time communicated by the team.
- Support teammates whether starting, substituting, injured or not selected for a specific match.
- Accept position assignments, substitutions and tactical decisions respectfully.
- Do not argue with referees, opponents, spectators or teammates.
- Win with humility and lose with composure. Handshakes, sportsmanship and respect remain expected after every result.
- Players should not leave the team area during a match without coach permission except for an emergency.

YOUR ROLE MAY CHANGE. YOUR STANDARD DOES NOT.

Playing time, position and selection can change. Effort, attitude, preparation and respect remain within the player's control.

3. RESPECT & TEAM CULTURE

- No bullying, hazing, discrimination, harassment, threats or intentionally humiliating behavior.
- Keep team conflicts inside the appropriate communication process instead of creating group drama or public arguments.
- Respect teammates' privacy and personal information.
- Do not post content intended to embarrass a teammate, coach, opponent or the club.
- Celebrate teammates' success and respond constructively when competition exists within the roster.

4. ATTENDANCE & ACCOUNTABILITY

Players are expected to attend scheduled training, matches and team activities whenever reasonably possible. If a player will be absent or late, the family should communicate through the designated team method as early as possible.

Repeated unexplained absences, lateness or lack of preparation may affect match selection, playing time, team placement or future roster decisions.



5. COACHABILITY & DEVELOPMENT

- Ask questions respectfully when clarification is needed.
- Apply feedback instead of arguing every correction.
- Understand that mistakes are part of development and should be followed by a response, not frustration.
- Players may respectfully speak with their coach about their development, role and areas for improvement.
- No player is entitled to a particular position, starting role or exact amount of playing time simply because they are registered with the club.

6. SAFETY & RESPONSIBILITY

- Tell a coach or trusted adult about an injury, concussion symptom, unsafe situation or serious concern.
- Do not hide an injury in order to remain eligible to play.
- Follow facility rules, travel rules and team safety instructions.
- Never bring prohibited, dangerous or inappropriate items to Athletic United activities.
- Players should use team communication platforms and social media responsibly and age-appropriately.

7. CORRECTIVE ACTION

Athletic United coaches and leadership may respond to conduct concerns based on the seriousness, frequency, age of the player and surrounding circumstances. The purpose of discipline is to correct behavior, protect the team environment and reinforce club standards.

- Verbal coaching or reminder.
- Temporary removal from an activity or training exercise.
- Reduced match participation or non-selection when appropriate.
- Meeting with the player and parent/guardian.
- Behavior or improvement plan.
- Suspension from training, matches or club activities.
- Removal from the roster or club in serious or repeated situations.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

By accepting a roster position and participating with Athletic United SC, players and their parents/guardians acknowledge that they have been provided access to this Player Code of Conduct and are expected to follow the standards described in it. A separate signature page is not required unless Athletic United determines one is necessary for a specific program or competition.

RESPECT THE BADGE. RESPECT THE TEAM. RESPECT THE GAME.

