



## **Participants Agreement to Accept and Abide By Rules of Program “Players Code of Conduct”**

Players participating in the Capital Soccer Club trip to Costa Rica are exercising a privilege afforded them by their parents and community. These players must exhibit the maturity to be successful in this pursuit. Thus, the following guidelines and rules shall apply in all activities the team will experience in Costa Rica.

### **I. GENERAL GUIDELINES**

Players are expected to conduct themselves at all times in a manner which is in keeping with representing their parents, the Capital Soccer Club, and the United States and will not bring discredit upon themselves.

When traveling with the team, each player is expected to dress appropriately as befits representing Capital Soccer Club or as directed by the Coaches and chaperones.

Respect for property of others, adherence to the rules and guidelines as specified here or by the Coach/Administrator, and observance of State, Federal and Costa Rican laws are required for participation in this program.

### **II DISCIPLINE**

Substance use and/or possession thereof drugs, alcohol and/or tobacco (by minors) will be cause for termination from the trip.

Persistent irresponsible and disrespectful behavior may be cause for termination from the trip.

Destruction of property or violation of U.S. or Costa Rican Laws is cause for termination from the trip.

### **III. SAFETY GUIDELINES**

The coach, parent chaperones and players will establish guidelines and rules for where and when the team leaves the hotels and soccer facilities. This includes when and how to check in with an adult and when they should return to their rooms. Rules will be determined by the circumstances encountered at each location. The chaperones have the authority to determine the consequences of breaking the rules and with enforcing them when broken.

**NOTE:** If an extreme event occurs while traveling, the player may be sent home immediately at the parent’s cost by whatever means is most convenient for the chaperones. No reimbursement of trip costs will be made to the dismissed player.

**We, the undersigned, have read, understand and agree to abide by the above guidelines and rules. We also agree to accept actions taken for failure to abide by these guidelines.**

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| _____<br>(Player’s Name)     | _____<br>(Parent’s or Legal Guardian’s Name) |  |               |
| _____<br>Signature of Player | _____<br>Date                                | _____<br>Signature of Parent/Legal<br>Guardian | _____<br>Date |



*(Borrowed from Premier International Tours website...)*

## **OPPOSING COACHES AND PLAYERS**

Soccer is a universal language, so even if you cannot use words to communicate with opposing coaches and players, you can use your sport to build bridges across the ocean.

Europeans and South Americans are very interested in American and Canadian soccer yet may hold misconceptions about the level of play. Therefore you and your players should be aware that you are representing "United States Soccer"; they will judge the entire country on how well or poorly you play, perform and act. (Similarly, you will come away with an impression of International soccer based on the few games you play against teams from those nations.)

You can go a long way toward presenting a positive image of North American soccer by realizing that International soccer coaches do very little coaching from the sidelines. They are frequently puzzled by Americans who pace up and down, shouting instructions (in fact, "coaching from the sidelines" is expressly forbidden by FIFA). The role of a youth coach is less "important" abroad than in the U.S. or Canada, and International coaches often give their players a great deal of leeway on the field.

Europeans and South Americans do care about ceremonies. You may be asked to pose for photographs before matches; you certainly will be expected to exchange pennants, and perhaps small gifts (pens, pins, etc.). Being prepared for this part of a soccer game, and "getting into the spirit" of things, will help create a positive impression of American soccer for everyone you meet.