



PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT

Representing Valor United FC on the sidelines in an appropriate and cordial manner is a crucial aspect of Valor United. Our parents and spectators should hold the highest standard of sportsmanship by watching and supporting all participants of the match.

Below is our Code of Conduct, guidelines for acceptable and productive sideline behavior that our club and our players can be proud of:

- During matches ALL Valor United FC parents/guardians are to stand on the opposite side of the field to our coaching staff, where appropriate, and to remain in an area away from the sideline and within the confines of each goal-box.
- Disparaging comments to referees and opposing parents/guardians are strongly discouraged. Reports of abhorrent sideline behavior by Valor United FC parents will be dealt with via disciplinary action against players and/or parents.
- At all times, Valor United FC Parents/Guardians are asked to be respectful of other teams' technical staff, respectful of all match facilities, aware of specific rules of each respective match facility, compliant with all regulations of host clubs and to always put our club's best foot forward whenever we are guests of other youth soccer clubs.
- Once the game is underway, we ask that parents/guardians encourage, recognize, cheer and be supportive of ALL examples of good play – both for Valor United FC players AND for our opponents. Always cheer in a positive manner and never berate ANY players on the field.
- Should any Parent/Guardian wish to speak to a Valor United FC coach about a game-day matter that they consider to be important, please apply the '24 hour rule': Allow for 24 hours to pass before reaching out to your coach away from the field and removed from the emotions of the game to discuss the matter in more suitable circumstances.
- Parents/Guardians are asked to learn the laws of the game and the spirit of the game.
- Parents/Guardians are expected to respect the coach and their assistants. Do not coach from the sidelines. Let the coaches do their job, no matter if you may disagree. If there is a serious issue, you can contact the director of coaches, but please adhere to the 24 hours rule.
- Parent/Guardians should not keep time on the number of minutes Valor United FC players play in matches nor should they make comparisons to the playing time of other players. Coaches will award playing time at their discretion and often using criteria that is not always at hand for parents to consider.

- Parents/guardians should applaud both teams at the end of the match and show great sportsmanship on behalf of our club.
- Prior to the game parents/guardians should provide Valor United FC players with water bottles and an adequate supply of drinks. Coaches can be frustrated when players are distracted because they are waiting for drinks to be replenished or another water bottle delivered by parents during a halftime break.
- After games Valor United FC Parent/Guardians should always remind players how much enjoyment they get from watching their children play. They should refrain from discussing match tactics, criticizing poor play (from their own child or other teammates), making comments about officiating decisions or displaying any form of negativity about the match day experience. Players are quick to pick up on the attitudes and opinions of their elders – be aware of the impression you are making on your children around sports.
- Parent/Guardians should encourage Valor United FC players to watch the professional game on TV to discover some of the pointers made by Valor United FC coaches or to make comparisons on topics that they are having difficulty understanding. Observing professional players is a great source for soccer education and often an affirmation that our coaches are on the right track.
- Parents/Spectators are encouraged to get involved with the organization and promote the game in a positive way.