

Texans Soccer Club - Houston
Member Agreement
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The following agreement has been prepared so that you know what is expected of you as a member of The Texans. Members of The Texans are expected to act like reasonable and prudent individuals, who represent the club, and individual teams on and off the field. The staff spends many hours teaching responsibilities on the field, and feel it is equally important that parents and players know their responsibilities off the field. The Texans value hard work, commitment, and excellence both on and off of the field. The Texans believe that a player's commitment to training sessions and games will not only help the club's success, but will also improve each team's quality of play.

Parents and Spectators Code of Conduct

Parents/Spectators must set the example for players by exemplifying the highest standards of sportsmanship. Parents/Spectators participate in a match by watching, cheering and supporting the efforts of all participants of the match. Soccer should be fun. The game is for the players; their participation and enjoyment of the game is the most important element. Still, parents have responsibilities to the coach, to the team, and to the entire Texans organization.

- 1) Parents/Spectators must respect the authority of the referee and his/her assistants. They will not harass, abuse, or berate the referee during or after the match. They shall not enter the field of play unless, in an emergency, a staff member or referee asks them to.
- 2) Parents/Spectators are expected to respect the staff coaches and their assistants; they should never criticize a coach in public. Likewise, **parents are not permitted to coach from the sideline**; let the staff coaches do their job no matter how much you may disagree. For example, a parent may think that a player should quickly throw the ball in, but the staff coaches may have instructed the players to play at a slower pace.
- 3) Parents/Spectators are expected to show respect to all players. Make only positive comments. Encourage both teams, and never berate either team. Cheer in a way to reward the good play of both teams, and promote fair play.
- 4) Parents/Spectators must not use foul or abusive language for any reason.
- 5) Parents/Spectators have a responsibility to learn the laws of the game, and the spirit of the game.
- 6) Parents/Spectators are encouraged to get involved with The Texans and promote it in a positive way.
- 7) Parents/Spectators must demonstrate sportsmanship and integrity; they are the role models for their children.

Players Code of Conduct

Athletes play soccer to have fun, to learn, to develop a passion for the game, and to improve their skills. In doing so, they represent their team, coach, parents and community. Texan Players must maintain a high level of sportsmanship and fair play. Players must have respect for their coach, opponents, and the authority of the referee and his/her assistants.

- 1) Players will play within the laws of the game and spirit of the game.
- 2) Players are expected to be on time and prepared for matches and training sessions.
- 3) Players will display self-control in all situations and will not use foul or abusive language at any time before, during or after a match or training session.
- 4) Players shall train and play to the best of their ability, have a positive attitude and encourage others to do the same. Negative comments by players will not be tolerated.
- 5) Players will show respect towards the referee and his/her assistants as well as towards the opponents. They will not harass, abuse, or berate a referee for any reason.

Travel

Any time a Texan team travels, players, parents, and coaches are expected to:

- 1) Act appropriately and avoid circumstances that could negatively represent the club and its members.
- 2) Dress and act appropriately at meals, in hotel lobbies, and during special events.
- 3) Always be mindful that their actions represent the entire Texan community.

Conflict Management

Should conflict arise between Texan coaches, players, or parents it is required that such confrontations be addressed in the appropriate manner (with respect), and at the appropriate time (privately).

Fees

It is understood by signing this agreement that player fees will be paid in full prior to February 2011. Any player that falls behind in payment may not be allowed to train with the team, and/or may be ineligible for any games while fees remain outstanding. Injury

or quitting the team does not release the player from meeting the Club Dues obligations set forth in the Texans 2010-2011 Fees Document. In the event of a catastrophic injury, the club has a policy in place to freeze dues as long as that member is current at the time of the injury.

Friendly Reminders

A. Practices

- 1) The staff reserves the right to cancel practices at anytime that they deem necessary, in order to protect the safety and well-being of the players or the property.
- 2) Players are expected to attend every practice, unless that practice is deemed optional by the coaching staff. If a player cannot attend practice due to unforeseen circumstances, then that player is required to notify their coach as soon as it is possible to do so.
- 3) Parents are welcome to watch practices, but should not be a distraction to their child or the team as a whole. Parents are not allowed to enter the practice field unless invited by the staff. (Be mindful of pets, siblings, etc.)
- 4) Players are expected to wear the appropriate practice gear (shirts, shorts, shin guards, and proper shoes) and may be denied participation if they fail to do so.
- 5) All players must bring a **properly inflated ball** to practices and games unless instructed otherwise.
- 6) Players should make every effort to arrive for practice on time and be ready for play when practice begins. Early is on time, and on time is late!

B. Games

- 1) Players are expected to arrive and be ready for warm ups at least 40 minutes prior to kickoff or as designated by the staff coach.
- 2) Players should be outfitted in the appropriate uniform apparel as determined by their coach. **However, all players should bring all uniforms to every game.**
- 3) At the Division I level, playing time is earned, and is not guaranteed. This is strictly a coaching decision and parents should trust that the staff is acting in the best interest of the team.

PLEASE SIGN AND RETURN TO TEXANS SOCCER CLUB

SECTION 1 – Member Agreement

As a member of The Texans, I have read the Member Agreement and agree to abide by the procedures and policies set forth. I understand that failure to abide by the expectations set forth in the Texans Member Agreement may result in my removal from the club, or in other disciplinary action.

SECTION 2 – Club Fees

It is understood by signing this agreement that player fees will be paid in full prior to February 2011. Any player that falls behind in payment may not be allowed to train with the team, and/or may be ineligible for any games while fees remain outstanding. Injury or quitting the team does not release the player from meeting the Club Dues obligations set forth in the current year Fees Document. I understand that Club Dues do not carryover from year to year and that any overages into the player's account will be treated as a non-refundable donation to the club.

SECTION 3 – Liability Waiver

I hereby authorize the Texans staff to act according to their best judgment in the event of emergency and agree to not hold any staff member or Texans Soccer Club liable for actions intended in the best interest of care for the player.

By signing below, the member agrees to the policies set forth in this document, specifically sections 1, 2, and 3 above.

Parent or Legal Guardian Printed Name

Player Printed Name

Parent or Legal Guardian Signature

Player Signature