PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT AND ETHICS

- I will play soccer because I want to, not because others want me to.
- I will play by the rules of soccer, and in the spirit of the game.
- I will show respect at all times for all team officials, match officials, teammates, opposing team officials, opposing players, parents, spectators, and club officials.
- I will act in a sportsmanlike manner and not engage in violent behaviour, foul language, or offensive gestures.
- I will be a team player.
- I know that winning isn't everything – having fun, playing fair, developing my skills, making friends and doing my best are all important.
- I will never ridicule a teammate or opposing player for a poor performance or training session.
- I will acknowledge all good play – that of my teammates and of my opponents.
- I understand that coaches are there to coach and not to improve my behaviour. If I am found to be behaving badly, my coach is permitted to remove me from the match, festival, tournament, showcase or training session. Furthermore, the responsibility of my behaviour outside of the team sanctioned events is not that of team staff but is the responsibility myself, and of my family or guardian.
- I will never take part in a training sessions, match or team event while under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol.
- I will not take part in any form of bullying, either to an opposing player or to a player on my team according to the Club's Harassment, Abuse and Bullying Policy. Bullying in any form, whether in person, electronically (any form of social media) will not be tolerated.

SOCIAL MEDIA

- SOCIAL NETWORKING is defined as communication through on-line communities of people such as, but not limited to, Facebook, X, Snap Chat, Instagram, You Tube, blogging, etc.
- The Oshawa Kicks Soccer Club (OKSC) understands the importance of SOCIAL NETWORKING, however, it also allows for inappropriate unsupervised conduct which may be detrimental to the welfare of the club and the future of OKSC players.
- OKSC holds the entire OKSC community, including Directors, Team Officials, Support Staff, Trainers, Players and Parents who participate in SOCIAL NETWORKING to the same standards as it would with all forms of media, including television, radio and print.
- Inappropriate behavior over SOCIAL NETWORKING media will not be tolerated and may result in disciplinary action being taken by OKSC. Disciplinary actions may include, but are not limited to, loss of match play, full match suspension, multi-match suspension or for severe infractions season(s) suspensions from the club.
- Inappropriate use of social networking includes, but is not limited to: Statements that are demeaning to the club, club officials, team officials, its programs, its teams, players, members, support staff, parents, sponsors or any other person associated with OKSC, communication of confidential information that may include medical history, family situations, match plans or strategies and other information that is deemed confidential, sharing photos, videos or comments that promote negative influences or criminal behavior, including but not limited to physical violence, drug/alcohol use, or taken in areas prohibited by policy, posting of inappropriate, derogatory, racist or sexist comments of any kind that contradict the polices of OKSC.

TRAINING SESSIONS AND MATCHES

- I recognize that training sessions are more important then matches.
- If I cannot make a training session, I will notify the Team Head Coach at least 24 hours in advance so that the session can be organization appropriately.
- If I cannot make a match, I will notify either the Team Head Coach or Manager at least 7 days in advance so that arrangements for substitutions can be made.
- I realize that players who attend training sessions may get priority in the match starting line-up. Starting line-ups are based on several factors including attendance at training sessions, player's position, effort, attitude, injury recovery etc.
- I will turn off all electronic devices (cell phones, video games, etc.) before arrival at my training session, match or team event and leave them off until I am finished.

- I realize that playing time is not always going to be equal despite my coaches attempt to equalize. In fact some teams (higher level competitive teams) are permitted to use an "earned playing time" system. At the development and grassroots levels, playing time shall be equitable.
- I will leave all venues as neat and tidy as I found them and will remove all refuse from my area.
- I realize that it is my responsibility to find transportation to a training session or matches if my parents or guardian is unable to take me.
- I will report any medical problems in a timely fashion, when such problems may limit my ability to travel, train, or compete.
- I will participate and appear on time, well-nourished, and prepared to participate to my best abilities in all competitions, training sessions, tryouts, tournaments and events.

MY KITS

- I will take good care of my match kits and wear them only on match days.
- I realize that it is my responsibility to bring the designated complete alternate match kit to each match.
- I will wear shin pads, socks, appropriate footwear, and bring my own water bottle to all matches and training sessions.
- At training sessions I will wear approved training kit.
- I understand that rolling up my shorts to reduce their size, or exposing my bare shoulders is inappropriate soccer attire.
- I will abide by the FIFA rules and remove all jewellery for training sessions and matches.
- I will not make any alterations to my match kits or approved training kits (jersey, shorts or socks).
- I will adhere to Canada Soccer's requirements regarding clothing and equipment.

DISCIPLINE

- I recognize that the Team Head Coach will handle infractions that occur at times other than during the match.
- I recognize that infractions that occur during the match are governed by the Laws of the Game and will be decided by the Match Official. The result may be a caution (yellow card) or dismissal (red card), in which case there may be further action, including suspensions or fines, by the league.
- I recognize that certain serious infractions will result in a discipline hearing convened by Ontario Soccer or their delegate, and could lead to a worldwide suspension from soccer, and a fine being levied by Ontario Soccer. Payment of the fine is my responsibility.
- I am responsible for reimbursing the club for any and all fines payable by the club due to my actions or inactions. Failure to pay any fines will result in my suspension from the club for an indefinite period of time.

CONSEQUENCES

If for any reason the Code of Conduct is not followed by the player, any (one or more) of the following steps may be taken by the Team Head Coach or the Club:

- Reduce the playing time of the player; and/or
- Suspend the player for some time period
- Remove the player from the team.

I have read the above information carefully. We feel we can gladly commit to the above and look forward to the upcoming season.

Player:_____ Date:_____

Parent:_____ Date:_____