

Carolina FC Parent Guidelines

To have a successful program, there must be understanding and cooperation among parents, players, and coaches. Your child's progress will depend, to a great extent, on this triangular relationship. With this in mind, Carolina FC, asks you to consider the following as your family joins or returns to Carolina FC.

Help your player fulfill his or her commitment to their club, team and, most importantly, themselves!

Support the coaches. A player develops best when he or she trusts and respects the coach. The coach's job is to motivate, teach, and constructively criticize each player's performance. Please recognize that our coaches use their extensive experience to best develop each player.

Carolina FC's primary concern is for the long-term development of your child's soccer skills, and there will be times players are instructed to do things parents do not understand. Player and team development will sometimes be given a greater priority than winning.

Communicate through your team manager. Remember, there is a time and place for everything. If you need information or wish to ask questions concerning team management or coaching decisions, please contact the team manager to obtain the information or to arrange a meeting with the coach. Concerns or criticisms are welcome, but should be expressed away from training sessions and games.

Encourage your child to talk with their coach regarding anything pertaining to their soccer development.

Parents are encouraged to watch training sessions to observe their child and to learn more about soccer. We ask that parents refrain from speaking with coaches during training sessions. Even conversations before training sessions should be limited as this is when the coach should be setting up and planning their session. Please note that some coaches are on the field for two sessions (back-to-back) and are therefore unavailable for questions and or comments.

There is to be no coaching or officiating from the sidelines. No matter how good your intentions are, we insist there be no shouting of instructions to your child or yelling (complaining) to the referees during games. Let the coach (soccer professional) run the team. Attempting to coach or instruct your child from the sideline is distracting and counterproductive to the player. Your vocal support and positive encouragement are welcome throughout good soccer play.

Help CFC achieve its goals by:

- Fostering an environment for athletic excellence and good sportsmanship
- Fulfilling your financial commitments
- Supporting Carolina FC's philosophy of player development.