Dear Parents and Coaches:

The St Jane Soccer Association has adopted the *ST. JANE SOCCER ASSOCIATION PARENTAL CODE OF CONDUCT*. Parents/Guardians must sign and return this form prior to the first game of the season. Unfortunately, parental and coaching misbehavior has become a huge problem in youth sports. It has been shown that having a code of conduct helps decrease this problem.

St. Jane youth soccer players participate in many leagues – our internal Clinic league for U5-U8 children, AAYSL (AA county league), and travel teams participate in various leagues in the region (BBSL, CMSSL, MPSL, etc). Each league and age group is accompanied by its own set of rules and expectations. Parents have a responsibility to understand the rules of play for their child.

Failure to comply with the *PARENTAL CODE OF CONDUCT* will result in disciplinary action from SJS. Such action may be issued in the form of a warning, parental game suspension, and/or removal from the SJS Association. Please be advised that inappropriate behavior may result in independent sanctions imposed by the league of play in addition to the action taken by St. Jane Soccer Association.

Our only goal is to provide the children with a good and safe experience. We sincerely hope that the parents and coaches will have just as good a time and will accept the league for what it is – a chance for our children to have fun and play the game.

Sports can provide your child with the opportunity to learn perseverance, teamwork, fair play, self-confidence, and determination. Competition is healthy and instructive. However, a win-at-all-cost attitude is harmful to children. The focus of sports should be on effort, improvement in skills, and the development of courage to be able to make mistakes and recover from them. The winning team is not necessarily the one with more points.

Thank you for your anticipated cooperation.

ST. JANE SOCCER ASSOCIATION PARENTAL CODE OF CONDUCT

Parents/Guardians/Spectators WILL:

- Demonstrate the utmost in sportsmanship and integrity, realizing they are the role models for their children.
- ***Respect the authority of the official and his/her assistants***, either on field or in field's general area, at all times
- ***Respect the authority of the coach and his/her assistants***, and recognize the value of volunteer coaches. (They give their time, and deserve your support).
- ***Respect all players***, and provide positive support and encouragement.
- ***Respect the opposing team and spectators*** – without them, there would be no game.
- Applaud good play for both teams and promote fair play.

Parents/Guardians/Spectators WILL NOT:

- Enter the field of play without the referee's permission. I will not abuse, harass or berate referees during or after the match.
- Use offensive, insulting, foul and/or abusive language or gestures, either on field of play or in field's general area, towards any person, for any reason.
- Encourage or teach dangerous play or unsportsman-like conduct. All players must be taught to "play the ball" and not the "man".
- Engage in the use of alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs and/or tobacco during youth soccer events.
- Engage in or provoke any form of physical violence.

Any player, coach, or parent found to be in violation of the SJS Code of Conduct will be subject to disciplinary action by the Board of Directors of St Jane Soccer, in addition to independent sanctions that may be imposed by the league of play. Disciplinary actions may range from warnings, games suspensions, to dismissal from the St. Jane Soccer Association program.

I have read and agree to the St Jane Soccer Code of Conduct.

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Please print name	Date	Signature	Telephone