

COALDALE THUNDER FC & TEMPEST FC

PLAYER / PARENT AGREEMENT

Thunder FC & Tempest FC believes that player development reaches far beyond just soccer skills. Our coaching goals are to allow players to develop strong characters, self-confidence, understand personal responsibility to teammates, and appreciate the value of good sportsmanship. There are two key principles that we feel help create better soccer players and a better soccer program. They are as follows:

1. Know your limitations and use them to your advantage. In order to perform at the highest level you have to know your limitations and at the same time know your strengths. Coaching staff will decide what positions fit each player's mental and physical abilities. This is important in creating a well-balanced team. We expect players and parents to respect these decisions and to value all positions on the team. Whatever you do, do it to the best of your ability.

2. Play Hard, Play to Win, and Have Fun!!!

We teach our teams to play hard no matter who the opponents are; because we have set our own standards and are playing toward goals we want the team and each player to achieve. The players will learn that the best respect you can give your opponent is to play to win and give them your best. Most important is to create a fun environment in which players appreciate physical activity and learn the game, teamwork, and strategy. We teach discipline and confidence.

OUR GOAL:

To provide athletes the opportunity to develop soccer skills, knowledge, and techniques in a challenging, motivating and FUN environment. Thunder FC and Tempest FC has a player-first philosophy and we expect each player to have a drive for excellence both on and off the field.

COMMITMENT PERIOD:

As the parent or legal guardian of the player, I am registering my player as a member of Thunder FC or Tempest FC and understand that this is a commitment the outdoor season ending in mid August, during which time I agree to abide by and support the policies, procedures, and financial commitments of Thunder FC or Tempest FC. In consideration of my compliance with these policies, procedures, and financial commitments, Thunder FC or Tempest FC will provide training and development of my player in the competitive soccer program.

PLAYING TIME, EXPECTED PARTICIPATION, AND TEAM ASSIGNMENT:

I understand and agree that, although Thunder FC and Tempest FC strives to provide quality playing time for all players, there are NO guarantees of playing time in any single game for a player. I understand and agree that my player is expected to meet a high standard of commitment to training and play and is expected to attend all practices (unless communicated with coach) and participate in all league games and tournaments, as scheduled during the season, including those scheduled on holiday weekends. Failure to not show up to practises; training sessions and / or games could result in zero playtimes during the next game.

FINANCIAL COMMITMENT:

I understand and agree that the fees set by Thunder FC and Tempest FC are my responsibility and must be paid in full before end of season.

I understand and agree the Thunder FC and Tempest FC requires Kit purchases. These include shirt, socks, and shorts all available at Doug's Sports in Lethbridge.

I understand and agree that failure to pay any Thunder FC and Tempest FC registration fees or teams fees within 30 days of the payment due date will result in revocation of the players card and that the card will be held by Thunder FC and Tempest FC until the overdue payment is received or alternate payment arrangements are agreed upon in writing and signed by both the parent/guardian and a member of the Thunder FC and Tempest FC board.

THUNDER FC & TEMPEST FC REFUND POLICY:

I understand and agree that there are NO refunds for this competitive program, but that there can be considerations for players who have season-ending injuries or who move out of the area, and that such requests must be made through the Thunder FC and Tempest FC administrator.

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1. Expectations of the Individual Player

During the soccer season the team and its players will participate in training sessions, league games and tournaments. Players are expected to arrive on time with required equipment and be ready to train or play. If players will not be able to attend an event or will be late, it is expected that they let the coach know. Players are expected to give their best effort at each training session, games and have a positive attitude, TEAM attitude.

2. Coaching Decisions

Coaches will make decisions on game line-ups, positions, playing time, etc... Players and parents are expected to respect those decisions and players should be positive in fulfilling the role they are asked to perform for the team. If parents have questions regarding decisions that were made during a game, they are to observe **the 24-hour rule** and wait at least until the next day to address the coaches. Parents and coaches are always expected to address each other in an appropriate manner.

3. Playing Time

The coach decides playing time.

4. Parents and Team Commitment

Parental support and involvement in the club is essential. If players are to make a commitment to the club and their team, parents must see to it that players attend all possible club and team functions. At times, conflicts cannot be avoided and other important events take precedence. The club requires communication, planning, and understanding so we can minimize conflicts. When players are going to miss a training session or match, it is best to let the coach know at least a day in advance as well, as all training sessions are planned in advance.

5. Overall Behaviour

We expect our players, parents and coaches to demonstrate respect, responsibility, discipline, leadership, dedication, and integrity. Coaches will instruct players to ignore adverse conditions, such as poor calls made by officials, foul language, rough play, cheating, negative behaviour by opponents, parent coaching from the sidelines and focus on what they can control, such as their effort and attitude. We expect our parents to have this same approach.

6. Sideline Behaviour

Your vocal support and positive encouragement are very much welcome on the sidelines. However, no matter how good your intentions are, giving instructions to players from the parent's sidelines is not allowed. We also expect parents not to engage in conflict with parents, players or coaches from the opposing team. We also insist that parents refrain from addressing the officials.

7. Uniform & Equipment Policy

All players are expected to wear the designated club uniform and purchase the appropriate player kits. At all sessions we expect players to wear their training shirts and kits - this includes all practises. We are a team; we want to look like a team.

8. Financial Commitment

Parents are expected to adhere to the payment schedule set at the beginning of each season.

Our goal is to provide an environment in which players can develop to their fullest soccer potential as well as develop character traits that will impact them for life.

USE OF PLAYERS PHOTOGRAPH:

I understand and agree that Thunder FC and Tempest FC may use photographs of my player for any lawful purpose including but not limited to publicity, illustration, advertising, social media, and web content.

Thunder FC and Tempest FC **CONSENT:**

Player Name: _____

Player signature: _____

Parent/Guardian name(s): _____

Parent/Guardian signature(s): _____

Date signed: _____