

## **The Siege Supporters' Group Code of Conduct**

This **Code of Conduct** ("Code") applies to all eligible members of The Siege Supporters' Group ("Siege"), a supporters' group for Inter Miami CF ("IMCF"). By participating in Siege activities, members agree to comply with the standards outlined herein. Failure to adhere to this Code may result in disciplinary action, up to and including permanent expulsion from Siege, and/or greater action from IMCF

### **I. General Conduct**

#### A. Positive Representation:

1. Siege represents a diverse community of IMCF supporters. All members shall conduct themselves in a manner that reflects positively on Siege, IMCF, and the cities of Miami, FL, and Fort Lauderdale, FL, at Chase Stadium ("CS"), during away games, and any events or venues affiliated with Siege and IMCF.

#### B. Prohibited Conduct:

1. Members are strictly prohibited from engaging in the following behaviors:
  - a) Criminal or deliberately delinquent activity.
  - b) Discriminatory behavior, including but not limited to discrimination based on race, religion, gender, or sexual orientation.
  - c) Use of violent, abusive, sexist, racist, or homophobic language.
  - d) Physical violence or altercations.
  - e) Any other behavior deemed detrimental to Siege or IMCF's positive environment.

#### C. Adherence to MLS Guidelines:

1. All members are required to follow Major League Soccer (MLS) guidelines, bylaws, and the MLS Code of Conduct during all Siege activities and IMCF events. Failure to do so may result in disciplinary action by both Siege and MLS or IMCF.

#### D. Independent Supporters Council (ISC) Compliance

1. In the event that The Siege Supporters' Group becomes a member of the Independent Supporters Council (ISC), all members will be required to adhere to the ISC's Code of Conduct and their by-lines. in addition to this Code and the MLS guidelines. The ISC's Code of Conduct will be provided to all members, and compliance with their standards will be mandatory for participation in Siege activities.

### **II. Anti-Discrimination Policy**

#### A. Zero Tolerance for Discrimination:

1. Siege does not condone discrimination in any form. This includes but is not limited to discrimination based on race, religion, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, nationality, or any other protected class.

#### B. Language Prohibition:

1. The use of offensive, violent, sexist, racist, or homophobic language is strictly prohibited. Any member found to be in violation of this provision may face immediate disciplinary action, including a permanent ban from Siege.

### **III. Anti-Violence Policy**

#### **A. Prohibition of Violence:**

1. Physical violence, threats of violence, or any physical altercations are not tolerated. Such conduct may lead to stadium bans, season ticket revocation, or arrest by CS security or IMCF authorities. Siege will impose further disciplinary action, including a permanent ban from the group towards any member found engaging in violent behavior, as well as disciplinary action requested from IMCF.

### **IV. Conflict Prevention Between Fanbases**

#### **A. Prohibition of Rival Fanbase Conflicts:**

1. Siege strongly encourages peaceful interactions with rival fanbases. Any member found instigating or participating in altercations with rival supporters' groups, either verbal or physical, will face disciplinary action up to and including a permanent ban from Siege.

#### **B. Avoidance of Internal Conflict:**

1. Siege promotes unity within the larger IMCF fan communities. Members are expected to avoid internal disputes or conflicts with other IMCF fan groups or members. Efforts should be made to resolve disagreements in a constructive and respectful manner.

### **V. Prohibition of Thrown Objects**

#### **A. Bannable Offense:**

1. Members are prohibited from throwing objects with malicious intent, within CS or at any IMCF-related event. Throwing objects is a bannable offense and may result in penalties from CS, IMCF, and Siege.

### **VI. Media Engagement**

#### **A. Representation of Siege:**

1. When interacting with media outlets, whether large or small, members shall keep in mind that they represent the entire Siege community. Larger media interactions on behalf of Siege must be managed with the assistance of Siege Leaders or authorized representatives. Misrepresentation of Siege may result in disciplinary action, from both Siege and IMCF.

### **VII. Ticketing Policy**

#### **A. Prohibition of Scalping:**

1. Ticket scalping is strictly prohibited. Siege and IMCF maintain a trust-based relationship, and members are not to re-sell tickets. In the event resale is necessary, members should sell tickets obtained through Siege at face value or for a reasonable cost. Violation of this policy may result in a permanent ban from Siege and further disciplinary action from IMCF.

## **VIII. Disciplinary Actions**

- A. Range of Actions:
  - 1. Violation of any provision of this Code may result in the following disciplinary actions, depending on the severity of the violation(s):
    - a) Verbal or written warning.
    - b) Suspension from Siege activities.
    - c) Permanent ban from Siege membership.
    - d) Reporting of incidents to CS, IMCF, or local law enforcement as appropriate.
- B. Violation of any provision of this Code, or of MLS guidelines, bylaws, or the MLS Code of Conduct, may result in the following disciplinary actions, depending on the severity of the violation(s).

## **IX. Communication with Leadership**

- A. Open Communication Policy:
  - 1. Siege encourages open communication between members and the Siege Leadership Team. Members may contact known members or other Leadership Team representatives with any questions, concerns, or comments, either positive or negative.

## **X. Amendments**

- A. Revisions to the Code:
  - 1. This Code of Conduct may be amended or updated at any time by Siege Leadership. Notice of changes will be provided to members. Continued participation in Siege activities constitutes acceptance of any such revisions.

## **XI. Agreement**

- A. By joining or participating in Siege membership, members acknowledge that they have read, understood, and agree to abide by this Code of Conduct. Failure to comply may result in disciplinary actions as described above.

**And remember, Siege is a community designed to simply have fun and watch local football games. Be kind, have fun, and if you see something that you think isn't right – *speak up!***

### **Effective Date:**

This Code of Conduct is effective as of the start of the 2024 MLS Season.