



## Region 459 Parent Code of Conduct

As a parent, you have a special role in contributing to the development of the young players of Region 459. Through your encouragement and good example, you can help them learn to sacrifice for the good of the team, to enjoy winning and deal appropriately with defeat – all while having fun.

### 1. Support Your Child

Support your child by giving encouragement and showing an interest in their team. Teach your child that good sportsmanship, hard work and an honest effort are often more important than the outcome of the match

### 2. Always Be Positive

Parents play a significant role in the success experienced by their child and the team. Applaud good plays by both your child's team and by the opposing team. Be a role model. Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from youth sports.

### 3. Be Enthusiastic and Supportive

Let children set their own goals and play the game for themselves. Don't put unnecessary pressure on your child to win games. Remember that your child is the one playing soccer, not you. ***"Before kids can play like a pro, they must enjoy playing the game like a kid."***

### 4. Reinforce Positive Behavior

The best way to help a child to achieve goals and reduce the natural fear of failure is through positive reinforcement. No one likes to make a mistake... BUT, if your child does make one, remember that they are still learning. Encourage their efforts and point out the good things they accomplished.

### 5. Let the Coaches Coach and the Referees Ref

Coaches and referees volunteer their time to help make our kids' soccer experience a positive one. They are usually parents just like you and need your support and encouragement. Please refrain from unsolicited coaching or shouting out calls during practices or matches. Treat referees and their calls fairly and respectfully. **In a volunteer organization like AYSO there is always an opportunity to take your interest in coaching or refereeing to the next level and become one yourself!**