



NASA Tophat Soccer

Parent's Code of Conduct

The following standards of conduct outline a philosophy that is paramount to the game of soccer. Soccer is a sport which belongs to the players. While soccer games are exciting for parents and spectators, parent and spectator excitement and enthusiasm must be both positive and controlled. Uncontrolled or abusive parental behavior is not accepted at the NASA Tophat Soccer (NTH).

Conduct

Soccer is not interactive for the spectators. Do not address the referee at any point before, during or after the match. Continuous yelling is distracting for both teams and at times can reveal the parents' lack of understanding of the game. Enthusiasm, in short bursts of encouragement, is welcome and needed. Always show respect to the players and spectators of the opposing team. Alcohol, tobacco products (including smokeless tobacco), illegal drugs, pets and firearms are not permitted at any NTH game, at home or away. Always remember you are responsible for the conduct of all visitors you bring to any match.

Your Player

NTH attempts to provide the best coaching and training available for your player. Keep this in mind when encouraging your player and their teammates during a match. NTH wants and needs your enthusiasm and support for our teams, but only in a constructive manner. A parent's duty is to encourage the players, not to coach or to criticize.

The Referee

Never use foul or abusive language toward any of the opponents, referees, both center or linesmen. If you have an issue with a referee, bring it to your coach's attention after the game and let the coach deal with the issue. No need to be a distraction to the game. No one came out to hear parents yell. Remember that each referee is just as different as the field on which the game is played.

Your Coach

Your coach will never come to your place of work and tell you how to do your job. Please grant your coach the same respect. If you have an issue with your coach, you should address that directly with the coach at an appropriate time and place. Immediately before and after a game is usually not the best time or place. After having an unemotional discussion with your coach regarding your issues, if you are not happy with the coach's response, you should take your issue to the appropriate DOC.

The Laws

In order to be a supportive parent, you must have an understanding of the primary laws of the game. NTH will make abbreviated written game laws available to all parents. Familiarize yourself with the basics such as offside, penal fouls and non-penal fouls.

Anyone who violates this Agreement and Code of Conduct is subject to immediate dismissal from any game and disciplinary action up to and including being expelled from the North Atlanta Soccer Association.

I (we) have read the above information and accept this agreement as part of my player's commitment to the North Atlanta Soccer Association and acknowledge the consequences of not abiding by this agreement.

Father's (guardian) signature: _____ Date: _____

Mother's (guardian) signature: _____ Date: _____

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