



# **Zanesfield Soccer Association**

## **Parents, Fans and Spectators**

### **Conduct Pledge**

**This program is for the children; for them to have fun and enjoy the game. It is designed to give them and our community a good, clean, healthy fun activity to participate in. We strive to provide an environment that promotes responsibility, good sportsmanship, teamwork, dedication, honesty and loyalty. With that comes the responsibility for the adults to be good role models. These are behavioral expectations from parents, fans and spectators.**

- Our program is organized and operated entirely by volunteers. We do our best to provide the best program possible for our youth. Any concerns should initially be directed to a coach. If a coach cannot satisfy your concerns, contact an association member.
- Our coaches volunteer their time, most of them at the end of a full workday, to enable this program to exist. The program works with coaches to improve coaching skills and to promote consistency, yet, we understand they are all unique in some way. If you disagree with their teachings or coaching style, be understanding of this and consider volunteering as a coach in the future.
- Depending on the age group, we utilize volunteers, coaches and paid personnel as officials. The official's decision is final. They are faced with making judgment calls that may not go in favor of the team you wish. Generally, one team's fans disapprove of every call an official makes. This situation happens in all levels of sports. Remember that this is youth sports, not professional, college, or even high school. Use these opportunities to teach players how to overcome difficult or seemingly unfair situations with a good attitude. Someone must officiate these games or there would be no game. Decisions are not to be argued. No Exceptions. Contact an association member if you must report a problem with officiating.
- Do not confront any coach or official in front of the children. It's not the time or the place.
- Do not use inappropriate language or gestures at any program event.
- Cheer for your team, not against the other team. That is someone's child that you would be insulting. How would you feel if it was yours? Also remember, someday in the future, they may be playing on the same team together.
- Be sure your child attends practices. Practices are an important element of the program.
- Have your child at practices and games early enough to be prepared.
- Players must stay in the designated team areas during their games.
- Fans/spectators must sit in the opposite the teams and should not stand on or sit near the goals.
- A great deal of effort and cost goes into providing uniforms. Full uniforms are to be worn at all times during the games. No defacing or altering of uniforms is permitted..(ex: cutting off sleeves or adding text)
- If you can, ask your coach if you can be of assistance in some way.
- Do not go out on the field unless invited by the coach or league official.
- Do not coach your child from the stands. Too many people talking to them at once can confuse and frustrate them, and your advice may not be the same as they are being coached.

**Failure to abide by this CODE of CONDUCT may result in suspension or removal from the program.**

**Parent's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_