

Parent—Player—Coach Agreement

Team Number/Year

Player Name

Tips for parents:

*Remember that body language and voice inflection can send both positive and negative messages. Help your child realize that the importance of playing soccer is **participation, learning, developing and having FUN!***

DON'T

Be disappointed if your child does not want to talk about the game
Be negative
Brag
Be critical
Make up excuses

DO:

Adopt an attitude of support and caring
Be positive and calm
Point out areas of improvement
Let the child lead the conversation
Stress effort made rather than results

CODES OF CONDUCT

PARENT'S CODE

1. Children have more need for example than criticism.
2. Make athletic participation a positive experience for your child and others.
3. Attempt to relieve competitive pressure, not increase it. A child is easily affected by outside influences.
4. The opponents are necessary friends; without them, your child could not participate.
5. Applaud good plays by your team and by members of the opposing team.

Between the exuberance of the winner and the disappointment of the loser, we find a person called a referee. They all follow the same creed—to watch every move of every player and to call the game to the best of their ability. Do not openly question their judgment, and never the honesty of that judgment. Referees are the symbol of fair play, integrity and sportsmanship. Be kind to your child's coach and officials. The coach is providing a valuable community service by volunteering personal time and money for your child's recreation, often without reward other than personal satisfaction in having served the community. Parental attitudes at games towards their child, the opposing team, the officials and the coach, influence the child's values and behavior in sports. Sometimes overly anxious or protective parents bent on immediate success rather than long-range benefits criticize officials and opponents and show disrespect.

This inappropriate behavior devalues the sport and creates unnecessary stress for the player. It is not in keeping with the spirit of the game.

PLAYERS CODE OF CONDUCT

1. Play the game for the games sake.
2. Be generous when you win.
3. Be gracious when you lose.
4. Be fair always no matter what the cost.
5. Obey the Laws of the Game.
6. Work for the good of your team.
7. Accept the decisions of the officials with good grace.
8. Believe in the honesty of your opponents.
9. Conduct yourself with honor and dignity.
10. Honestly and wholeheartedly applaud the efforts of your teammates and your opponents.

COACHES CODE OF CONDUCT

1. Soccer is a game for happiness.
2. The Laws of the Game should be regarded as mutual agreements, the spirit of which should be respected and unbroken.
3. Visiting teams and spectators are honored guests.
4. No advantages except those of superior skill should be sought.
5. Officials and opponents should be treated and regarded as honest in intention.
6. Official decisions should be accepted without anger no matter how unfair they may seem. Winning is desirable, but winning at any cost defeats the purpose of the game.
7. Losing can be a triumph when the team has given its best.
8. The ideal is the greatest good to the greatest number.
9. In soccer, as in life, treat others as you would have them treat you.

Parent Signature

Player Signature

Coach Signature