

# Respect



## Broomfield Soccer Club Standards of Conduct for Spectators

Broomfield Soccer Club is proud of our players and teams and appreciates the passion of our parents and spectators and their enthusiasm for the game of soccer. In an effort to encourage appropriate and productive sideline behavior and therefore showcase the performance of our athletes both on and off the field, BCS sets forth the following standards for spectator conduct before, during and after matches:

- **Take a position on the opposite half of the field from the other team's supporters.**
- **Do not address remarks to referees, opposing players or opposing fans.** This does not apply where remarks convey genuine friendship and encouragement.
- **Never use foul or abusive language or obscene gestures.**
- **Do not make remarks toward your own team players who make mistakes.** This is the job of the coach. If you are aware of the error, you may rest assured that the player is even more aware.
- **Applaud superior play by both teams.**
- **Give consistent support to coaches and managers whether winning or losing.** Coaches are giving hundreds of hours to their players and are committed to their own continued improvement as a coach. In winning they deserve your congratulations, in losing you encouragement.
- **Always stay 3 yards or more from the playing field.** For all matches at the Broomfield Commons, this distance is clearly marked with a line on the each spectator sideline.
- **Cooperate immediately with any referee request.**
- **Do not address referees or other officials at any time.** Avoid comments and gestures which express disagreement with referee calls. Prolonged remarks or abusive disagreement with referee's calls may result in an offense chargeable to your team's coach or manager, and/or removal from the sidelines by a Broomfield Soccer Club representative.

Persons who cannot conduct themselves in the above manner are not welcome at any event in which a Broomfield Soccer team is involved. For individuals who persist in disrespectful and/or abusive behavior, the following may occur:

- 1) You will be asked to leave the playing area by a member of the officiating crew (referees). In this case play will be suspended until you do so. Failure to respond to such a request within two minutes will result in forfeiture against the offending spectator's side.
- 2) You will be asked to leave the field and/or the facility by a representative of Broomfield soccer. Any individual removed from a game, will be required to serve a minimum one game suspension.
- 3) Any individual who is removed from a game a second time will be required to meet with a Broomfield Soccer representative to discuss ongoing participation in Broomfield Soccer Club activities.