

## Parent/Guardian Code of Conduct

I agree to abide the following rules and guidelines at practices and games as long as my child is participating in soccer at Monrovia Youth Soccer League. I understand that if I fail to abide by this code of conduct I will be asked to leave the premises and if I am asked to leave more than once my child may be dismissed from the program.

1. To understand all rules and abide by them.
2. To understand the league is a recreational league and my child's coach and/or team philosophy and goals. If I do not know the philosophy or goals I will ask the coach for clarification.
3. I will send my child ready to play. They should be properly fed and clothed, and they should arrive on time.
4. To support the team but not instruct the players. It confuses your child and others and undermines the efforts of the coach. Chances are you do not know what the coach's strategy for the game is or any specific instructions they may have given your child. This type of behavior only confuses the players and can have detrimental effect on the game.
5. Positive and encouraging comments are welcome. This would include such comments as way to go, nice effort, stay with it, nice play, etc. Negative or detrimental comments directed at coaches, players, referees, or other spectators are not acceptable.
6. Support all the players on your child's team. Do not criticize any player. Do not criticize the opponents, their parents, coaches, or the referees.
7. Refrain from speaking to the referees unless it is to say thank you after the game. If you have questions or concerns with the referees, relay the information to a MYSL Board Member who will review the complaint.
8. Set the example by showing respect, dignity, and total sportsmanship at all times. Youth soccer is for the kids. If you find yourself becoming too emotionally involved in what is happening on the field, take a step back and relax. Give the young players the freedom to enjoy themselves. A young player's sense of achievement is the greatest motivator.
9. Speak to the coach at the proper time. If you have concerns talk to the coach not about the coach. If it is about a game, let the dust settle for a couple of days first.
10. Report to the coach all injuries, special medical conditions (such as asthma) or extenuating circumstances (such as lack of sleep or family crisis) that may affect the player.
11. Winning is not as important as the performance. Put winning and losing in perspective – all games have winners and losers. Keep reminding your child about this reality and the need to deal with both outcomes. Young players should avoid getting too cocky when they win and too upset when they lose.
12. Remember, all MYSL coaches and administrators are volunteers. Respect the fact that they are willing to give so much time to your child.