

Parent's Code of Conduct

Your child is playing soccer for fun. Please realize that everyone wants you to enjoy the game, also. This page is being provided as an effort to assist you and your child in gaining the maximum benefit possible from the soccer match. Below are some simple rules you should observe. Please consider them carefully.

- 1) **Do not shout instructions to your child.** This will cause confusion and may result in erroneous play on your child's part. The coach has instructed your child on how to play. If you shout instructions, your child will probably try to please you and the coach at the same time. In trying to do two things at once, the child may fail at both.
- 2) **Cheer for him or her when your child successfully plays the ball.** However, remember your child is a member of a team. Let the other players know you support them. Refrain from disparaging or degrading remarks.
- 3) **Suffer in silence whenever something occurs that goes against your child's team.** A display of anger may inflame a delicate situation resulting in embarrassment for you or your child. Some parents embarrass their own children by making a spectacle of themselves.
- 4) **Remember that the parents from the other team are equally enthusiastic about their team's success.** Be a gracious competitor.
- 5) **Do not run up and down the sidelines.** Find a comfortable place to sit down or stand and enjoy the match.
- 6) **Do not shout insults at the referee.** *The referee has the power to stop the match if the crowd becomes discourteous.* To have been the cause of such drastic action would be a humiliation to you, your child, and the team.
- 7) **If your team loses, adopt a positive attitude.** Compliment the child upon his good plays. Ignore the mistakes. The child will be happy you noticed his good qualities.
- 8) **Remember - you child will forget about today's game.** Next week he will probably have forgotten the score. However, both of you will remember that you had a good time playing the most popular sport in the world.
- 9) **Absolutely no alcoholic beverages** are permitted at any soccer game.

All non-playing children must be supervised at all times.

Coaches must ensure that the parents of the players are thoroughly familiar with the code of conduct that is expressed in these rules. Remember - the referee has the authority and responsibility to eject a coach from a game if he or she does not keep proper spectator control.