

Parent/Guardian Code of Conduct

As a parent/guardian or spectator:

1. I will not force my child to participate in sports.
2. I will remember that children participate to have fun and that the game is for youth, not adults.
3. I will inform the coach of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others.
4. I will learn the rules of the game and the policies of the league.
5. I (and my guests) will be a positive role model for my child and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, officials and spectators at every game, practice or other sporting event.
6. I (and my guests) will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player, or parent such as booing and taunting; refusing to shake hands; or using profane language or gestures.
7. I will not encourage any behaviours or practices that would endanger the health and well being of the athletes.
8. I will teach my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
9. I will demand that my child treat other players, coaches, officials and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, colour, sex or ability.
10. I will teach my child that doing one's best is more important than winning, so that my child will never feel defeated by the outcome of a game or his/her performance.
11. I will praise my child for competing fairly and trying hard, and make my child feel like a winner every time.
12. I will never ridicule or yell at my child or other participant for making a mistake or losing a game.
13. I will remember that players learn best by example. I will applaud good plays by all players on the field.
14. I will emphasize skill development and practices and how they benefit my child over winning.
15. I will promote the emotional and physical well-being of the athletes ahead of any personal desire I may have for my child to win.
16. I will respect the officials and their authority during games and will never question the referee's judgement or honesty. I will support his/her decisions and support my child to do the same.
17. I will respect and show appreciation for the volunteer coaches who give their time for the benefit of the players and abide by the 24 hour rule.
18. I will ensure that my child shows up for scheduled practices and games at the times specified by the coach.
19. I will inform the coach if my child will be absent due to holidays and/or special events as soon as I know, so the coach can plan accordingly.
20. I will support all efforts to eliminate verbal or physical abuse from all soccer activities.
21. I will demand a sports environment for my child that is free from drugs, tobacco, and alcohol and I will refrain from their use at all sports events
22. I will refrain from coaching my child or other players during games and practices, unless I am one of the official coaches of the team.

Parent/Guardian Name (print)

Signature

Date