



Parent's Code of Ethics

A parent plays a special role in contributing to the needs and development of children. Through encouragement and good example, a parent can help assure that all the boys and girls learn good sportsmanship and self-discipline. In soccer, young people learn to work together, to sacrifice for the good of the team, to enjoy winning and deal appropriately with defeat – all while becoming physically fit and healthy. Best of all, they have fun!

I will support my child by:

- Giving encouragement and showing interest in their team.
- Helping my child work toward skill development and good sportsmanship.
- Teaching my child that hard work and an honest effort are often more important than victory – that way my child will always be a winner despite the outcome of the game.

I will always be positive with my child by:

- Working to be a positive role model.
- Applauding good plays by my child's team as well as good plays by the opposing team.
- Supporting all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from youth sports activities.

I will remember that my child wants to have fun and ...

- ... is the one playing soccer, not me.
- ... I will let my child establish their own goals – to play the game for themselves.
- ... I will take care not to impose my own standards and goals on them.
- ... I will remember that children play for the fun of playing.

I will reinforce positive behavior.

- Positive reinforcement is the best way to help a child achieve their goals and overcome their natural fear of failure.
- Nobody likes to make mistakes. If my child does make one, I will remember it's all a part of learning.
- Encourage your child's efforts and point out the good things they accomplished.

I won't be a sideline coach or referee.

I will realize that board members, coaches and referees are usually parents just like me. They volunteer their time to help make my child's soccer experience a positive one. They need support, too. I will refrain from coaching or refereeing from the sidelines. As a member of a volunteer organization, there's always an opportunity for me to take an interest in coaching or refereeing to the next level and become one myself.
