



Parents Corner

Parents Code of Conduct

Parents, it is easy to have a great Coach/Parent/Player experience. Just follow these eight simple rules...

1. Understand the coach and team philosophy. If you don't know the goals of the team (for example, player development versus winning), ask the coach.
2. Send your children ready to play. They should be properly fed and clothed, and they should arrive on time.
3. Support the team, but do not instruct the players. It confuses your child and others, and undermines the efforts of the coach.
4. Avoid confusion when cheering. Do not say anything that is a command, such as "Pass it," "Shoot," or "Boot the ball."
5. Use positive encouragement instead. This would include such comments as "Way to go," "Nice effort," or "Stay with it."
6. Refrain from speaking to officials, unless it is to say thank you after the game. If you have questions or concerns with the referees, relay the information at the proper time (see rule 7) to the coach.
7. Speak to the coach at the proper time. If you have concerns, use e-mail or the telephone. If it is about a game, let the dust settle for a couple of days first.
8. 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.

Zero Tolerance

All individuals responsible for a team and all spectators and parents shall support the referee. Failure to do so will undermine the referee's authority and has the potential of creating a hostile environment for the players, the referee, and all the other participants and spectators.

No one is to speak to the referee during or after the game. Exceptions: Coaches may ask questions before the game, call for substitutions and point out emergencies during the game, or respond to the referee if addressed.

Absolutely no disputing calls, during or after the game, no remarks to the referee to watch certain players or attend to rough play. **NO YELLING at the referee, EVER, and no criticism, sarcasm, harassment, intimidation, or feedback of any kind during or after the game.**

Players Code of Conduct

Players are expected to:

1. Conduct themselves at all times in a respectful and sportsmanlike manner.
2. Do their best to attend all practice sessions and games, and at all times follow the instructions of the coach(es).
3. Not engage in disruptive or disrespectful behavior during practice sessions or games towards fellow teammates, other team players, the coaches, the referee, or spectators.
4. Not engage in any bullying, antagonism, foul or abusive language, or other intimidation of teammates or other team players.
5. Demonstrate a willingness to learn the game of soccer, and actively participate in drills, exercises, and scrimmages.
6. Understand and accept that their placement on teams may vary from season to season.
7. Dress neatly. The uniform will be kept clean and in good condition.
8. At practice or games, ensure playing areas and sidelines are kept clean, and all trash and waste is disposed in the proper receptacles. If there are no receptacles, then all trash is to be taken away.
9. Properly represent our soccer club, our town, and their family whenever they are attending games and practices.