

THE CODE OF CONDUCT

All players, coaches, league officials, referees, parents and spectators must comply with the following code of conduct. Remember the goal of community soccer is to have fun, learn some soccer and team skills, and enjoy the soccer experience. All the coaches and league officials are volunteers.

We want the children and youth who take part in our league to play soccer in a positive atmosphere free from foul and abusive language, undue pressure, embarrassment, harassment, prejudice and violence.

Please help us to achieve this aim by abiding by this simple code:

PLAY FAIR AND WITH RESPECT

- Do not violate the rules to gain an unfair advantage.
- Foul or abusive language from players, coaches, parents or spectators will not be tolerated.
- Violent or over-aggressive play will not be tolerated.
- Never dispute a referee's decision - they are seeing the action from a different angle than you are and they can make mistakes, just like anyone.
- The health and safety of players is paramount. Do not encourage players to continue playing if they are obviously injured or unwell. Do not encourage players to cause injury to other players.
- Coaches must give all of their players an equal amount of playing time during all game periods including overtime, and the opportunity to participate in the shootout. It's no fun being on the sideline.
- Coaches, parents and spectators are expected to let all players play without being screamed and shouted at from the sidelines.
- Encourage and applaud all players, not just those on your team.
- Demonstrate respect for team-mates, coaches, referees and league officials.
- Respect the facilities in which you play.
- Maintain self-control at all times – it is only a game!!
- Always attempt to contribute to the betterment of the soccer experience for everyone.
- Respect your opponents at all times. Players and teams should always be humble in victory and gracious in defeat. Do not run up the score against a weaker opponent.

REMEMBER!!!

Your evaluation carries a great deal of weight with children. At the games, the attitude shown by parents and coaches towards your team and the opposing team will influence the child's values and behaviour in sports, and in life.

**CHEERING AND PRAISE IS ENCOURAGED! POSITIVE AND SUPPORTIVE COMMENTS ONLY!
NEGATIVE CRITICISM SHOUTED FROM SIDELINES IS DISCOURAGED!**

Coaches, team officials and parents shall not criticize game officials at any time and shall encourage the same attitude amongst all players and fans.