

PARENTS GUIDE

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PLAYERS CODE

- Play the game for the game's sake.
- Be generous when you win.
- Be graceful when you lose.
- Be fair always, no matter what the cost.
- Obey the laws of the game.
- Work for the good of your team.
- Accept the decisions of the officials with good grace.
- Believe in the honesty of your opponents.
- Conduct yourself with honor and dignity.

PARENTS ROLE

1. Provide transportation to and from all practices and games ensuring that the player is prompt not only in arriving but also his/her departure.
2. Stay and watch practices as well as games and lend the young players your support in a positive manner. Do not point out their mistakes, leave that up to the coach, and be sure to compliment them on their accomplishments as well as their effort.
3. If unable to attend the practice or game, encourage your child not to talk with or leave practices or games with strangers.
4. Ensure that your child brings equipment to and from all soccer games and practices when appropriate.
5. Be available to kick the ball around with your child when you are invited to do so.
6. Avoid material awards. Build an attitude of "the rewards lie in the fun of being able to play".
7. Be a good listener. Make them feel important and let them know that they are contributing to a team effort.
8. Be positive. Never criticize. Suggest an alternative way if they are not performing correctly.
9. Allow your child to be a child.



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GUIDELINES TO SOCCER PARENTHOOD

1. In competition, someone always loses. If you win do it gracefully, not boastfully. If you lose, do not allow your child to become negative.
2. Too much competition, too soon, can slow down a child's progress in skill development.
3. Make fun and technique development your first priority.
- 4 Your child's coach will need all the support and help you can offer. Please make yourself available and volunteer all the time you can spare.
- 5 Disagreements with the coach or officials do not belong on the public soccer field. Questions, input and positive suggestions should be voiced to the coach and/or club in an adult atmosphere. (The youth player should not be present.)
6. The overall purpose is to enjoy the game and the opportunity to be with your child on the field of play.

PLAYER'S RIGHTS

1. The right to decide when to participate in soccer.
2. The right to play in every game. At younger ages, every child should have an opportunity to play at least 50% of every game. No child should have to stand and watch at practice.
3. The right to participate at a level that corresponds to each child's maturity and ability.
4. The right to be taught the fundamentals of soccer.
5. The right to participate in a safe and healthy environment.
6. The right to play as a child and enjoy participation in the sport.