

# Parent Code of Conduct



**Be positive.** Be supportive and cheer for the team. Encourage all of the players on both sides of the ball. Keep negative comments to yourself. Remember that the players are doing their best and that playing good soccer is more difficult than it looks.

**Treat the officials with respect.** All officials make mistakes. All humans make mistakes. Let the officials be human. It is the coaches' responsibility to approach the officials if they feel the need.

**Never address players on the other team except to encourage or to congratulate.**  
Good sportsmanship is a top priority.

**Leave the game on the field.** When the game is over, no amount of comment, question or discussion with the players, officials or coaches can change the outcome. Regardless of the outcome, the coaches will evaluate the performance; reinforce the good things and work to correct the things needing improvement.

**Skill development is a crucial aspect of fun.** It is more important than winning even among the most competitive and most successful athletes. The most rewarding challenges of sports are those that lead to self discovery and self knowledge. Intrinsic rewards are more important in creating lifetime athletes than are extrinsic rewards.

**Stay off the field.** Please stand back and give the coaches and players plenty of space on the sidelines to communicate and work more effectively as a team.

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