

COACHES' CODE OF CONDUCT

- **Be reasonable in your demands on the young players' time, energy, enthusiasm and their performance on the soccer field.**
- **Impress on your players that they must abide by the rules of the game at all times.**
- **Develop team respect for the ability of the opponents, and for the judgment of referees and opposing coaches.**
- **Ensure that your players' soccer experience is one of fun and enjoyment (winning is only part of it). Players should never be ridiculed for making mistakes or for losing games.**
- **Set a good example and be generous with your praise when it is deserved. Children need a coach they can respect.**
- **Keep informed about sound principles of coaching, growth and development principles relating to children.**
- **Enlist the support of your teams' parents in your efforts to instill the proper attitude and values in the players.**
- **Check equipment and facilities that you use. They should meet safety standards and be appropriate for the age and ability of your players.**
- **Follow the advice of a physician when determining when an injured child is ready to play again.**

PARENTS' CODE OF CONDUCT

- **Do not force an unwilling child to participate in sports.**
- **Remember children are involved in organized sports for their enjoyment, not yours.**
- **Teach your child to play by the rules.**
- **Teach your child that hard work and an honest effort are often more important than a victory.**
- **Help your child towards skill improvement and good sportsmanship in every game. Your child will then be a winner, even in defeat.**
- **Do not ridicule or yell at your child for making a mistake or for losing a game.**
- **Set a good example. Children learn by example.**
- **Applaud good plays by your team and by members of the opposing team.**
- **Do not publicly question referee judgment and never their honesty.**

"TOP 10" LIST

WHY SPORTSMANSHIP IS IMPORTANT

- 1. Because taunting, trash talk and intimidating behavior have no place in youth sports.**
- 2. Your admission is to watch the performance of highly impressionable kids- not a license to abuse coaches, players, officials and spectators.**
- 3. You want others to treat you the way you want to be treated - any how many of us want to be treated with disrespect?**
- 4. We need more positive role models for our children.**
- 5. People don't always remember the final score - but they always remember the fan on the touchline who made a fool out of him or herself.**
- 6. Because coaches and officials are also teachers. Why would you harass them in the classroom?**
- 7. A national survey indicates kids play sports to have fun, not to be # 1!**
- 8. It's how you play the game that counts.**
- 9. It's simply the right thing to do.**
- 10. Because sportsmanship begins with YOU!!!**