

Parents Code of Conduct

Parents can be a very positive influence on the game of soccer and are encouraged to attend as many contests as possible to support their children. However, being a spectator is not without responsibility. To the extent to which spectators can be a positive influence, they can equally be a negative force. Parents and spectators of the Society are expected to:

- Never force an unwilling child to join a team or a club.
- Remember that children are playing for their enjoyment, not yours.
- Encourage fair play and respect for the laws of the game.
- Teach that honest effort is as important as victory.
- Remember that children learn by example.
- Applaud good plays by ALL players, even those on opposing teams.
- Respect the officials' judgment-they are the trained professionals.
- Support ALL efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from children's sporting activities.
- Recognize that COACHES ARE VOLUNTEERS. They give up their time for your child. SUPPORT them to your child and publicly.

Violation of this code will result in:

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| 1st offense | - Letter from Society to refrain from negative behavior |
| 2nd offense | - Incident committee hearing. |
| 3rd offense | - CHILD AND PARENT suspended for one or more games depending on the nature of the infraction |

Note: The Incident Committee is empowered to skip directly to the third step if an incident is deemed sufficiently serious, for example striking a child.

PROTOCOL FOR REPORTING INCIDENTS

Be sure your team's coach is aware of the incident.

Forward a report of the incident to the Club President or Incident Committee. It is acceptable to attend a Club meeting to make this report.

If the incident happened at a tournament, be sure the incident committee is aware of it.