



Code of Conduct – Parents

Parents' Pledge

If children are to grow and develop in sport, an environment of positive communication and respect must exist. Parents should observe the following Code of Conduct with their child athletes, and are encouraged to discuss these pledges with the child athlete as well.

1. I will remember that my child plays sport for his or her enjoyment, not for mine.
2. I will not force my child to participate in soccer against their will.
3. I will encourage my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
4. I will teach my child that doing one's best is as important as winning, so that my child will never feel defeated by the outcome of a game/event.
5. I will never ridicule or yell at my child or another player for making a mistake or losing a competition.
6. I will remember that children learn best by example. I will applaud good sportsmanship in all players' performances and will be respectful of both my child's team and their opponents.
7. I will respect the officials' decisions, will not question their honesty, and I will teach my child to do likewise.
8. I will support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from children's sporting activities.
9. I will not use texting, emails, nor any other social media platform to harass or criticize participants, officials, administrators, the SPDSA or any other association, and I will report to my club any incidents of this nature from others.
10. I will respect and show appreciation for all coaches and team officials who give their time to provide sport activities for my child, understanding that I have a responsibility to be a part of my child's development.
11. I will be courteous and will respect the rights of all participants regardless of their gender, ability, sexual orientation, cultural background or religion.
12. I will comply with all SPDSA rules, regulations and policies.

I agree to Play Fair. _____ (signature of parent 1) Date: _____

Printed Name: _____ Team: _____

I agree to Play Fair. _____ (signature of parent 2) Date: _____

Printed Name: _____ Team: _____