



LINDALE SOCCER ASSOCIATION PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT

Preamble: *As a parent, I play a special role in contributing to the needs and development of children.*

Through my encouragement and good example, I can help assure that all the boys and girls learn good sportsmanship, and self-discipline. In soccer, young people learn to work together, to sacrifice for the good of the team, to enjoy winning and deal appropriately with defeat – all while becoming physically fit and healthy. Best of all, they have fun.

As the parent of a player in Lindale Soccer Association I will, at all times –

- remember my child is involved in organized sports for their enjoyment, NOT MINE!
- follow the coach's rules, instructions, and decisions (including those about my child's position, playing time, uniform, missing practices or games, training, and behavior).
- remember that the coach has an entire team of players to consider when making decisions regarding position, playing time, substitutions, and strategy. The team does not revolve around one player.
- not coach or instruct my child or any other player during games or practices.
- learn and obey the rules of the game, my team, and the league.
- encourage my child to always play by the rules.
- do not openly question an official's judgment and honesty. Officials (referees) are symbols of fair play, integrity, and sportsmanship.
- remember that my child learns by example. Children mimic what their parents say. Criticism of the coach, officials, teammates, and/or opponents fosters bad attitudes and can only lead to a negative experience for my child.
- volunteer my time, services, and talents to the team whenever possible.
- ensure that my child is prepared for every game and practice with a proper attitude, uniform, shoes, shin guards, an inflated soccer ball, and water.

As the parent of a player in the Lindale Soccer Association I will, at all times –

- notify the coach if my child is sick or at risk for an injury.
- not vent my frustrations or complaints publicly, but instead will meet privately with the coach or a LSA representative to discuss my concerns.
- help the coach make soccer safe and fun for my child.
- treat all players, parents, coaches, and referees respectfully and courteously.
- be kind to my child's coach. The coach is a volunteer, giving of personal time and money to provide a recreational activity for my child.
- act as a positive role model for my child, our players, and other parents.
- not argue or fight with parents from our team or opposing teams, because it can result in our coach receiving a yellow or red card, our team forfeiting the game, my expulsion from the game and possibly future games.
- remember that the opponents are necessary friends; without them, my child could not participate.
- encourage, support, and affirm the effort and play of my child and all other players. Applaud good plays by our team and by members of the opposing team.
- not interfere with the duties of the coach or act detrimentally to the team or LSA.
- keep soccer in its proper perspective, keep my goals separate from my child's goals, and remember that my relationship with my child will continue long after soccer ends.
- accept the results of each game. Encourage my child to be gracious in victory, and to turn defeat into victory by working towards improvement.
- teach my child that honest effort is as important as victory so that the result of each game is accepted without undue disappointment.
- not allow soccer to interfere with my child's education.

Date

Signature of Parent