



# Parent Code of Conduct

Our policy can be summed up in one word; RESPECT.

All Parents and Guardians of the Stettler Minor Football Association (SMFA) players are expected to conduct themselves in a manner that demonstrates respect for players, referees, coaches, fans, property and the game of football.

There will be zero tolerance on the part of the SMFA in regard to parent conduct. Any behavior or actions that constitute what the SMFA Executive deems as abuse of players, coaches, referees, opposing fans or property will not be condoned in any form.

The President at his sole discretion may take whatever action appropriate on a case by case basis. Discipline may include suspending the offending parent and the parent's player(s) for a duration that the President deems appropriate. The President at his/her sole discretion may also suspend the offending parent from the Society. The parent or guardian is NOT entitled to a warning or (first offence.÷ In the event that the incident results in an expulsion, no refund of registration fees will be issued by the SMFA. There will be no appeal process for the offending parent in such case.

The offending parent must return his/her players equipment within 7 days of being notified of their expulsion from the Society. All Society equipment must be returned in good condition..

Unless registered with Football Alberta and having obtained permission from the Head Coach, a parent is NOT permitted on the practice or playing field or player's bench area.

Parents are to have no contact with coaches during game time except for cases of emergency.

Should a parent have a concern in any regard, they must wait a minimum of 24 hours before notifying SMFA. If the complaint is a general matter, the concern must be brought forth with the Head Coach. If the complaint is in regard to a coach, that concern must be brought to the attention of the SMFA Division Coordinator (manager) or the President. If the concern is valid, the President will bring the matter before the coach directly.

Fundraising is a critical part of delivering and maintaining a minor football program. Therefore, the parent / family of each player in the Society agree to participate fully in any and all fundraising activities of the SMFA.

SMFA is a grassroots program supported by the generous donation of time by our volunteers. If your player participates in the SMFA program, you are expected to support the program by giving of your time and talents. Your team manager or Division Coordinator will be asking you for your help. Please volunteer. You will find that you enjoy your football experience much more by getting involved.

Parent Name \_\_\_\_\_

Player Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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### **AS A PARENT I WILL:**

- Not force my child to participate in sports.
- Remember that my child plays sport for his or her enjoyment, not for mine.
- Encourage my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
- 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.
- Make my child feel like a winner every time by offering praise for competing fairly and trying hard.
- Never ridicule or yell at my child for making a mistake or losing a game.
- Remember that children learn best by example. I will applaud good player's performances by both my child's team and their opponents.
- Never question the official's judgement.
- Respect and show appreciation for the trained volunteer coaches 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.
- Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from children's sporting activities.
- I will be on my best behavior at all times and will not use profane language or harass players, coaches, referees, league administrators or volunteers.
- I will be responsible to ensure attending guests also abide by this Code of Conduct.