

2.4 Code for Parents

- Remember, young people are involved in Soccer for their enjoyment, not yours.
- Encourage your child always to play by the Laws of the Game.
- Teach young children that honest endeavour is as important as winning, so that the result of each game is accepted without disappointment.
- Help young people to work towards skill improvement and good sportsmanship.
- Set a good example by applauding good play on both sides.
- Never ridicule, humiliate or shout at young players for making a mistake or losing a match.
- Do not place emphasis on winning at all costs.
- Do not force an unwilling child to participate in the playing of soccer. If the child is to play, he/she will do so in good time through your encouragement. There are other aspects of soccer other than the playing which are equally fulfilling.
- Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from soccer.
- NEVER accept racial or violent abuse of any individual.
- As a spectator, do not use profane language or harass referees, coaches, or players.
- Do not publicly question the referees' judgement and never their honesty.
- NEVER cross the line.
- Recognise the value and importance of volunteer referees and coaches. They give of their time and resources to provide recreational activities for young people.
- Encourage in your child an appreciation of mutual respect for team-mates and opponents.
- Support the club in its fundraising efforts, a little help goes a long way in keeping your child's club alive and in a healthy financial state.