

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PARENTS & SPECTATORS

The MJSA Code of Conduct for Parents and Spectators is based on Fair Play and Good Citizenship

Players are the most important people in sport. Playing for the team, and for the team to win, is the most fundamental part of the game, **but not winning at any costs**, because Fair Play and respect for all others in the game is equally important.

Parents and spectators have a great influence on children's enjoyment and success in soccer. All children play soccer because they first and foremost enjoy the game – it's fun. But, however good a child becomes at soccer within the club, it is important to remember that positive encouragement will contribute to:

- children enjoying soccer.
- a sense of personal achievement.
- high self-esteem.
- improving the child's skills and techniques.

A parent's / spectator's expectations and attitudes have a significant bearing on a child's attitude towards other players, referees, coaches and spectators.

REMEMBER: CHILDREN LEARN BEST BY EXAMPLE

Show respect for others. Encourage and be supportive. Be dignified in defeat.

Honest effort is more important than victory.

As a parent / spectator, I agree:

- not to use foul or abusive language in any circumstances.
- to always be positive and encouraging towards all players from both teams (not just my own child or the most talented), in a sensible and constructive manner.
- to avoid yelling at or ridiculing a child for making a mistake.
- to remember that children play soccer for their own enjoyment, not for my own entertainment.
- to show respect for the referees.
- to accept defeat sensibly and with dignity and to encourage the children to do the same.
- to avoid coaching the children during the game.
- to accept the decisions and instructions of the Coach and other Team Officials - remember, they are volunteers who give up their time and resources to provide soccer for your children.
- to abide by the laws, rules and spirit of the game of soccer.
- to support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from children's soccer and to promote this Code of Conduct amongst other Parents and Spectators.

Failure to abide by this code may result in the following:

- 1) Interview by disciplinary committee
- 2) Suspension from soccer activities
- 3) Expulsion from soccer activities

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

Adult Player Signature: _____

Date: _____