

SOCCER PROGRAM RULES

1. Participants are expected to be courteous, obedient and aware of safety issues at all times.
2. There is to be no physical contact that is not related to playing the game. (i.e. pushing, shoving, tripping, hitting, wrestling, fighting, tackling, snatching of clothing, etc.).
3. Participants are not permitted to leave the program at any time without permission from the volunteer in charge.
4. Participants are expected to leave the fields and facilities neat and clean at the end of each session.
5. All equipment must be used safely and respectfully. **If a child is found doing something deliberately that causes damage to the equipment or the facilities, the parent will be billed according to the extent of the damage.**
6. Foul language will not be tolerated.
7. Participants will always obey instructions of volunteer coaches. We will stress the importance of mutual respect between participants, their peers and the coaches. By reinforcing the importance of respect for your neighbor's rights, the above rules should be followed naturally.
8. The following steps will be taken for a participant who chooses to break these rules:
 1. A first violation will result in a participant sitting on bench for a period of time, and a written warning being sent home to the parents.
 2. A second violation will result in the loss of playing privileges for one game.
 3. A third violation will be handled on an individual basis by the recreation director. If necessary, a participant can be asked to leave the program permanently.
Depending upon the severity of the offense, these steps can be bypassed and immediate suspension or dismissal from the program may occur.

Parents' Code of Ethics

I hereby pledge to provide positive support, care, and encouragement for my child participating in youth sports by following this Parents' Code of Ethics Pledge.

- **I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, and officials at every game, practice, or other youth sports event.**
- **I will place the emotional and physical well-being of my child ahead of a personal desire to win.**
- **I will insist that my child play in a safe and healthy environment.**
- **I will support coaches and officials working with my child, in order to encourage a positive and enjoyable experience for all.**
- **I will demand a sports environment for my child that is free of drugs, tobacco, and alcohol, and will refrain from their use at all youth sports events.**
- **I will remember that the game is for youth – not for adults.**
- **I will do my very best to make youth sports fun for my child.**
- **I will ask my child to treat other players, coaches, fans and officials with respect regardless of race, sex, creed, or ability.**
- **I promise to help my child enjoy the youth sports experience by doing whatever I can, such as being a respectful fan, assisting with coaching, or providing transportation.**
- **I will require that my child's coach be trained in the responsibilities of being a youth sports coach and that the coach upholds the Coaches' Code of Ethics.**