



NEA Soccer Club Parent Code of Conduct

The NEA Soccer Club Parent Code of Conduct is a set of guidelines and expectations that parents are asked to adhere to when their children are involved in the soccer club. This code of conduct is designed to create a positive and respectful environment for players, coaches, officials, and other parents. While specific wording and details may vary from one soccer club to another, the following is a general outline of what a typical Parent Code of Conduct for a soccer club might include:

1. **Respect for All:** Parents are expected to treat all players, coaches, officials, and other parents with respect, regardless of differences in opinion, background, or ability.
2. **Positive Role Models:** Parents should serve as positive role models for their children by demonstrating good sportsmanship, fair play, and a positive attitude.
3. **Supportive Behavior:** Encourage and support your child's efforts in soccer, focusing on their enjoyment of the game rather than solely on winning.
4. **Stay Informed:** Stay informed about the club's policies, schedules, and expectations. Attend meetings and communicate with coaches and administrators as needed.
5. **Game Environment:** Show respect for the game environment by not engaging in negative or disruptive behavior, including yelling at coaches, officials, or players.
6. **Conflict Resolution:** If you have concerns or issues, address them through appropriate channels such as speaking with the coach, club officials, or following the club's established grievance procedure. The Club will follow the 24-hour rule, so any communication with coaches or club officials will be after a 24-hour period.
7. **Sideline Behavior:** Maintain positive sideline behavior during games, refraining from negative comments, criticism, or yelling at players, coaches, or officials.
8. **No Interference:** Do not interfere with coaching decisions, tactics, or game strategy. Allow the coaches to do their job. Please refrain from sideline coaching.
9. **Safety and Equipment:** Ensure your child is properly equipped for practices and games with the required safety gear and clothing.

10. **Financial Commitment:** Fulfill any financial commitments or obligations to the club, such as paying fees and participating in fundraisers, as required. Failure to fulfill financial commitments will result in your player not being allowed to play.
11. **Privacy and Social Media:** Respect the privacy of others, including not sharing personal information or posting negative comments about players, coaches, or the club on social media.
12. **Cheering and Support:** Show your support by cheering positively for all players and teams, not just your child's team.
13. **Discipline:** If your child receives discipline from a coach or official, discuss the issue privately and professionally, away from the field.
14. **Transportation and Attendance:** Ensure that your child arrives on time for practices and games and arrange for appropriate transportation as needed.
15. **Feedback:** Provide constructive feedback to the club and coaches when necessary but do so in a respectful and constructive manner.
16. **Follow Club Policies:** Abide by all club policies and guidelines, including those related to COVID-19 safety measures, if applicable.
17. **Volunteer and Support:** Consider volunteering your time or resources to support the club's activities and events.
18. **Enjoyment:** Above all, encourage your child to enjoy playing soccer and focus on their personal development, regardless of outcomes.

Parent Procedures for Conflict Resolution:

1. **Poor Refereeing During Game** On field, coaches or team captains are only ones who should communicate with referees. Referees have bosses called assignors, so if a parent wants to make a complaint about a specific referee, they can contact the Director and the Director can contact the assignor.
2. **Parent Disagreement with Coach** All disagreements with coaches' decisions should start with the 24-hour rule, then parents can reach out to coaches with inquiries about decisions regarding their player. Each coach is expected to have a plan for each player's development. If a parent feels like the coach's answer to their inquiry is unsatisfactory, they may contact the Director of Coaching. There is an expectation that parents will be gracious with coaches and understand they will make mistakes since they're making decisions in real-time.
3. **Conflicts Between Parents** The 24-hour rule will apply. Parents will take parent-to-parent conflict to the team's coach as a first step, then the coach can refer them to the Director if resolution isn't found. The coach will often be able to help one parent see things from another parent's point of view.
4. **Conflict with Opposing Team's Parents** Shall not happen. Just walk away.