

Cambridge Youth Soccer *Parents Code of Conduct*

As a parent, I will:

- Ensure that I am present for all my child's games and practices, given they are playing in the Micro or Mini program. I will not 'drop-off' my child as if soccer was a 'babysitting' service.
- Understand that if my child is misbehaving, etc., it is not the coach's responsibility to 'discipline' my child; it is mine. The Coach has a responsibility to coach *the team*, not discipline *individual children*.
- Remember that my child plays soccer 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 or event.
- Make my child feel like a winner by offering praise for competing fairly and doing their best.
- 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 plays by both my child's team and their opponents.
- Never question the referee's judgment or honesty in public – I will take concerns to the proper officials.
- Support all efforts to eliminate verbal and physical abuse from children's soccer games.
- Respect and show appreciation for the volunteer coaches and other team leaders who give their time and energy to provide sport activities that help my child grow and develop.
- I will make sure that my child shows up for scheduled practices and games at the time designated by the coach.
- I realize that the team can be penalized for my behavior and that I must obey an order by a referee or from the team's coach to leave the vicinity of the field.
- I realize that smoking on the sidelines/players bench or in the vicinity of any CYS players during games and practices can be harmful to not only the players, but fellow spectators.