



## Respect Code of Conduct

# Spectators and Parents

We all have a responsibility to promote high standards of behavior in the game. This club is supporting the USRC's Respect Program to ensure soccer can be enjoyed in a safe, positive environment.

Remember children's soccer is a time for them to develop their technical, physical, tactical and social skills. Winning isn't everything.

Play your part and observe the USRC's Respect Code of Conduct for spectators and parents at all times.

### **I will:**

- Remember that children play for FUN
- Applaud effort and good play as well as success
- Always respect the referee's decisions
- Remain outside the field of play and within the Designated Spectators' Area (where provided)
- Let the coach do his or her job and not confuse the players by telling them what to do
- Encourage the players to respect their opponents, coaches and referees.
- Avoid criticizing a player for making a mistake. Mistakes are part of learning
- Never engage in, or tolerate, offensive, insulting, or abusive language or behavior.

**I understand that if I do not follow the Code, any/all of the following actions may be taken by my club, league or USRC:**

### **I may be:**

- Issued with a verbal warning from a club or league official
- Required to meet with the club, league or organization
- Required to meet with a club committee
- Obligated to undertake an USRC education course
- Obligated to leave the field area by the club
- Requested by the club not to attend future games
- Suspended or have my club membership removed
- Required to leave the club along with any dependents.

### **In addition:**

- The league or organization could impose a fine and/or suspension from the club.