



Ashland Soccer Club Parent & Player Code of Conduct

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As the **PARENT** or legal guardian of _____

I agree to follow all club and league rules and specifically agree to:

- Encourage my child to register for a youth soccer team if he/she shows interest, but not force my child to join a team or participate in the sport.
- Encourage my child to honor his/her commitment to his/her team by attending all required practices and games.
- Support my child by helping him/her arrive at practices and games on time with the proper personal equipment including a full water bottle and appropriate weather gear.
- Promptly pick up my child from practices and games.
- Inform coaches of any illness, injury or disability my child is experiencing which will affect his participation and take responsibility for not sending my child to play in practice or games if unfit to play.
- Strive to learn the rules of soccer and policies of the youth leagues.
- Remember always that youths participate in soccer to have fun and that the games are for the youth, not for adult entertainment.
- Be a positive role model for my child and demand my guests at games do the same.
- Encourage sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, officials and spectators at every game and practice.
- NOT engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any referee, club official, coach, player or parent such as BOOING, TAUNTING, REFUSING TO SHAKE HANDS, or using any PROFANE LANGUAGE or GESTURES.
- NOT encourage any behaviors in games or practices that would endanger the health or wellbeing of youth athletes.
- Teach my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
- Demand that my child treat other players, coaches, officials, spectators and club officials with respect at all times regardless of race, religion, ethnic background, sex, sexual preference or ability.

- Teach my child that doing one's best is more important than winning.
- Praise my child for competing fairly and trying hard.
- NEVER ridicule or yell at my child or other participant for making a mistake or losing a competition.
- Emphasize skill development and practices and how they benefit my child over winning.
- Promote the emotional and physical well-being of the youth athletes over any personal desire I may have for my child's team to win games.
- Respect the officials and their authority during games and NEVER taunt referees, NEVER yell remarks at the referees during games and NEVER confront a referee after a game.
- Refrain from coaching my child or other participants from the sidelines during games, scrimmages and practices. Coaching means giving players directions (Go left, go right, Shoot now!)
- Respect coach's authority for coaching decisions including playing time and playing positions.
- Never confront coaches on the game field; rather I will take time to speak with coaches at an agreed upon time and place.
- Never smoke cigarettes during soccer activities.
- Never attend soccer activities under the influence of illegal drugs or alcohol and never bring illegal drugs or alcohol to any soccer event.
- Refrain from bringing my dog to youth soccer games and practices.

I understand that youth soccer referees have the authority to ask me to leave the premises at games if my behavior does not follow league rules.

Signed: _____ Date: _____



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As the **PLAYER** _____

I agree to follow all club and league rules and specifically agree to:

- I will attend and be on time for all games and practices
- I will notify the coach in advance if I am unavailable to make a game, practice or team meeting.
- I will be attentive and follow the coaches direction at all times.
- I will keep a positive attitude during all practices and games.
- I will treat teammates, opposing players, and my coaches with respect.
- I will respect officials and accept their decisions without question.
- I will practice good sportsmanship and support my teammates at all times.
- I will always give my best effort at practices as well as at games.

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