# Player's Code of Conduct

**Prior to the start of each season, Coaches shall review this Code with the players and parents. Any actions in violation of this Code may result in suspension from games, expulsion from the club, and/or fines as determined by the PASC Board of Directors.**

## PARENT'S ROLE - GUIDELINES TO SOCCER PARENTHOOD:

- In competition, someone always loses. If your child's team wins do it gracefully, not boastfully. If they lose, do not allow your child to become negative. Help them understand it is the effort that counts.
- Support the game, in accordance with the Laws of the Game high standards of good sportsmanship and fair play.
- Be aware that too much competition too soon can slow down a child's progress in skill development; make fun and development your first priority.
- Your child's coach will need all the support and help you can offer. Please make yourself available and volunteer all the time you can spare.
- Disagreements with the coach or the officials do not belong on the public soccer field. Questions, input and positive suggestions should be voiced to the coach and/or the club in an adult atmosphere (the youth player should not be present).
- The overall purpose is to enjoy the game and the opportunity to be with your child on the field of play.
- Provide transportation to and from all practices and games assuring that the player is prompt not only in arriving, but also his/her departure. If unable to attend the practice or game, tell your child not to leave practices or games with strangers, make arrangements and inform the coach.
- Stay and watch practices as well as games and lend the young players your support in a positive manner. Do not point out their mistakes, leave that up to the coach, and be sure to compliment them on their accomplishments as well as their effort.
- Ensure that your child brings equipment to and from all soccer games and practices when appropriate.
- Be available to kick the ball around with your child when you are invited to do so.
- Avoid material awards. Build an attitude of "the rewards lie in the fun of being able to play".
- Be a good listener and let them know that they are contributing to a team effort. Be positive. Never criticize. At games, shout only praise and encouragement not direction, leave that to the coaches.
- Be responsible for disciplining your child and ensuring that they understand and meet/receive the responsibilities and rights stated below.
- Support the Coach, give the Coach encouragement, and remember the Coach is a volunteer.
- Treat the referee, the opposing Coach, and opposing players with respect. Remember they are doing their best and care about the game too.
- Take time to understand the rules of the game.
- Be there for your child. Support them and praise them regardless of the final score.
- Allow your child to be a child, remember soccer is about having fun.

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## PLAYER'S RESPONSIBILITIES AND RIGHTS:

- Play the game for the games sake, in accordance with high standards of good sportsmanship and fair play.
- Be generous when you win and graceful when you lose.
- Be fair no matter what the cost and obey the laws of the game.
- Report promptly to practices and games and work for the good of your team.
- Believe in the honesty of your opponents.
- Conduct yourself with honor and dignity.
- Cooperate with and respect fellow teammates, the opposing team, and referee and accept decisions of the officials with good grace.
- Be responsible for your own conduct and understand the consequences of improper conduct.
- Put forth effort to condition your body and to learn the required skills.
- The right to decide when to participate in soccer.
- The right to participate at a level that corresponds to each child's maturity and ability.
- The right to play in every game. In the intramural program every child should have an opportunity to play at least 50 percent of every game.
- No child should have to stand and watch at practice.
- The right to be taught the fundamentals of soccer.
- The right to play as a child and enjoy participation in the sport.
- Have fun it's your game.