

CUSA PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT

1. As spectators and players we will refrain from booing or yelling at officials at any time during a match because such behavior on our part sets a poor example of sportsmanship, reflects negatively on our community, our team, our players and us. Youth soccer officials have had limited experience and formal training and do the best job they can. Often soccer officials make correct calls even though we sometimes see the incident otherwise. **There are more effective channels for correcting poor officiating than verbal abuse during the match.**

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2. During a match we will refrain from yelling at players on either team because we are aware they are people, not soccer professionals. Encouragement and praise should be made in public; constructive criticism is best made in private. The coach is best equipped to analyze and correct deficiencies in soccer skills. Our attempts to be helpful in this respect may only confuse players. The golden rule applies. **Treat others with the courtesy, respect and consideration, which we want other supporters to show us.**

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3. At soccer matches we will refrain from being argumentative or using abusive language towards supporters or players on the opposing team because others are judging us on our actions and words. We will always strive to insure that the results of this judgment are a verdict of **SPORTSMANSHIP**. We will conduct ourselves in such a courteous and restrained manner.

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4. If our team loses, we will demonstrate our ability to cope with the loss because we are aware that in soccer, as in other aspects of life, it is not always possible to win no matter how supreme the effort. When victory eludes us, we must learn to accept it as graciously as we do our triumphs. It is possible that a loss is due to the fact that the opposing team played the match better than our team. We should learn from our reactions to a loss that:
 - a. We feel they played their best
 - b. We should hold our heads up high; win or lose.
 - c. There is always something to learn from a loss.
 - d. Seeking scapegoats, such as 'biased officials', 'poor turf', or 'poor performance by one or two teammates' is not a mature or healthy reaction to the loss.

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5. Whether away from or at the field, our words and actions should convey a philosophy of soccer which is to **have FUN**, to be able to participate to **improve skills**, to **learn sportsmanship**, to develop a **sense of responsibility and self-discipline**, to develop a **group loyalty and comradeship**, to learn to **compete within established rules**, to **accept decisions of authorized officials**, to **seek interpretation or change through proper channels** and to **develop sound minds and bodies**.

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