



Guelph Soccer Parent Code of Conduct

I will remember that my child plays soccer for his or her enjoyment, not for mine.

I will provide instruction to my child during his or her own time and with the player's permission. During the match, instruction is the domain of the coach.

I will teach my player that doing his or her best is more important than winning, so that he or she will never feel defeated by the outcome of a match.

I will make my player feel like a winner by offering praise for competing fairly and doing their best.

I will encourage my player to play by the rules and to resolve disputes without resorting to hostility or violence.

I will never ridicule or yell at my player for making a mistake or losing a match.

I will remember that players learn best by example. I will applaud good plays by all players on the pitch.

I will never question the referee's judgement or honesty; I will support his or her decisions and encourage my child(ren) to do the same.

I will support all efforts to eliminate verbal or physical abuse from all soccer matches, particularly those of young people.

I will respect and show appreciation for the volunteer coaches who give their time for the benefit of my player.

I will ensure that my player shows up for scheduled practices and matches at times designated by the coach.

I realize that the team can be penalized for my behaviour and that I must obey an order by a referee or from the team's coach to leave the vicinity of the pitch.

I will inform the coach if there is any special situation with regards to my child that may affect his or her ability to perform on the pitch.

I will inform the coach if my player will be absent for one or more matches during the season and provide as much notice as possible of such absence.

Parent Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____