

# Fair Play Code for Parents

1. I will remember that my child plays sport for his or her enjoyment, not for mine.
2. I will encourage my child to play by the rules and to respectfully and appropriately resolve conflicts.
3. I will teach my child that doing one's best is as important as winning, so that my child will never feel defeated by the outcome of an event or meet.
4. I will help my child feel like a winner every time by offering praise for competing fairly and trying hard.
5. I will never ridicule or yell at my child for making a mistake or losing a competition.
6. I will remember that children learn best by example. I will applaud good performances by both my child's club members and their opponents.
7. If my child is in Junior Development, I will encourage them to follow the Junior Development philosophy.
8. I will never question the officials' judgment or honesty in public. I will express my concerns to my child's coach who will then deal with the situation appropriately.
9. I will support all efforts to remove verbal, emotional, and physical abuse from children's sporting activities.
10. I will respect and show appreciation for the trained volunteer coaches who give their time to provide sport activities for my child, understanding that I have a responsibility to be part of my child's development.
11. I will directly communicate my encouragement and concerns, should any arise, using the following guidelines:
  - I will approach my child's coach after practice (not before or during) to discuss the concern or arrange a convenient time to talk.
  - If the issue is not resolved, the coach and I will contact the head coach.
  - I realize that talking and complaining about the situation to anyone else will magnify the problem, rather than resolve it.
12. I will ensure that my child arrives on time, prepared to practice.
13. I will be accepting and patient with my child's individual stages of development and the way in which he/she learns.