



Milton Soccer Academy

Your not-for-profit community soccer club

Parent/Spectator Codes of Conduct

The role of a parent is extremely important to ensure that all young soccer players have a positive experience while participating within our Club. To assist in this objective, the Club has prepared these Codes of Conduct.

Parents shall:

- Remember that children play soccer for the child's own enjoyment, not their parents'
- Focus on all aspects of their child's play rather than just scoring and winning
- Measure the progress of their child against themselves rather than others
- Refrain from offering money for goals scored as this typically leads to "ball hogging"
- Encourage their child to play by the rules and to resolve any differences calmly
- Support and model the principles of Fair Play and sportsmanship
- Teach their child that giving their best effort and playing strong until the end of the game are more important than the actual outcome of the match
- Familiarize themselves with the Laws of the Game
- Applaud and cheer for everyone; instructions will come from the coach
- Stay on the sidelines if their child gets hurt and allow the coach to assess
- Be courteous, respectful and supportive of all coaches, participants and officials on the field and show their child by example how to do this
- Respect the decisions of the volunteer coaches, who give their time to provide soccer activities for their child
- Allow others an opportunity to speak with the coaches after a game or practice
- Act in any manner which is beneficial to both the team and the Milton Soccer Academy when travelling to other communities

Spectators shall:

- Cheer only in a positive manner
- Respect the decisions of the officials and coaches and refrain from questioning in public any decisions made
- Stay a minimum of 5 meters away from the sidelines and off the field of play
- Be courteous and respectful of fellow spectators, competitors, coaches and administrative officials
- Discourage poor conduct by other spectators
- Respect the facilities and obey the regulations with respect to smoking, drinking, and garbage