

## **ARLINGTON SOCCER PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT**

### **PREAMBLE**

Arlington Soccer encourages and expects every member of our community to treat others with respect. The Club thrives when players, coaches, parents, referees, team volunteers and staff all work together to ensure a safe, inclusive, nurturing and fun environment in which to play the game of soccer.

### **CODE OF CONDUCT**

I understand that:

- I play a special role in the development of my child and his/her teammates.
- My encouragement and good example will do more to ensure good sportsmanship and self-discipline than any other influence.
- The other team is the opponent, not the enemy. Other players, coaches, parents and referees should be treated with respect.
- The top three reasons kids play sports are to: a) have fun, b) make new friends, and c) learn new skills.
- Any parent engaging in improper conduct will be subject to the rules and disciplinary procedures of the Club. Sanctions may include removal from the facility and suspension from attending future games.

I agree to abide by this code and the policies and procedures of Arlington Soccer.

#### **Respect for the Club & Our Community**

- I will foster a soccer environment that is free of abusive, offensive and vulgar language.
- I will not use drugs, tobacco or alcohol during events and will not attend an event while under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
- I will cheer at games within the spirit of fair play and do my best to cheer the effort regardless of the outcome.
- I will learn the laws of the game and support the policies of the Club.
- I will not get into arguments with opposing teams, players, parents or coaches.
- I will not act in any way that is detrimental to the team or the Club.

#### **Respect for all Players**

- If I don't have something positive to say, I will say nothing at all.
- I will treat players in the manner in which I want my child to be treated.
- I will place the well-being of my child before my own personal desire to win.
- I will strive to make soccer fun for my child.
- I will teach my child to be gracious and humble in both victory and defeat.
- I will encourage my child to do his/her best, work hard, have a positive attitude and abide by the Arlington Soccer Player Code of Conduct.
- I will not engage in, nor encourage, any behaviors or practices that would endanger the physical, emotional or mental well-being of any player.

**Respect for the Coaches**

- I recognize the time, energy and effort put forth by our coaches and will demonstrate consistent, positive support for them.
- I will not coach from the sidelines and will leave the coaching to the coaches.
- I will observe a 24-hour cooling-off period after any game or practice before I address any matter with my child's coach and follow the Club's resolution procedures.

**Respect for the Referees**

- I recognize the challenges faced by referees, particularly teenage referees, and will demonstrate positive support, allow them to officiate the game, and respect their decisions without dissent.
- I will not enter the field of play for any reason, nor will I criticize game officials or dispute any of their calls, and I understand that there is zero tolerance for those who do.