



CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PARENTS, GUARDIANS AND SPECTATORS

Parents, guardians and spectators have a great influence on children's enjoyment and success in football. All children play football because they first and foremost love the game- its fun. It is important to remember however good a child is at football, that positive encouragement will contribute to:

- Children enjoying football
- A sense of personal achievement
- Self-esteem
- Improvement in the child's skills and techniques

Parents, guardians and spectators **should**:

- Encourage your child to learn the laws of football and play within them.
- Help your child to recognize good performance, not just results.
- Set a good example by recognizing fair play and applauding the good performance of **all**.
- Publicly accept officials' judgment.
- Support your child involvement and help them to enjoy their chosen sport.
- Support your child at matches whenever possible.
- Use correct and proper language at all times

Parents, guardians and spectators **should not**:

- Punish or belittle a child for losing or making mistakes.
- Encourage unfair play and arguing with officials.
- Force your child to take part in sport.
- Use offensive language at any time.
- Attempt to coach the children during a game. (this is the job of the coaches)
- Show **overly** excessive enthusiasm when your team scores a goal.