

# ECSA

## Parent's Code of Conduct

Soccer is a wonderful sport and a passionate game. We should always remember that our attitude is contagious. The referees, the players, the coaches, and the fans should come together to match skills. The other team is our opponent, not our enemy, and thus should be treated with respect.

While winning is important, playing well and fairly is the essence of the game. We will set a good example for our children in their soccer development by adhering at all times to the following:

- We will not criticize the referee openly or directly before, during, or after matches. Any criticism shall be done in writing, not verbally, to my ECSA club representative.
- We will only give constructive feedback to players.
- We will cheer at all matches within the spirit of fair play and will do our best to cheer the effort regardless of the outcome. We will be mindful in matches with lopsided scores that cheering our own "winning" team might be misunderstood.
- We will do our best to teach our players to become students of the game.
- We will endeavor to find the "little successes" that our children have during each match.
- We will show the quality of our sportsmanship before, during, and after each and every match and help our children remember to thank the referees after the match without regard to the result.
- We will do our very best to have our children prepared for every match.
- We will support the learning effort of the players, the coaches, and the referees by demonstrating our patience.
- We understand that improper behavior at a match may result in a parent or fan being asked to leave the field by the referee, an ECSA official, or a club official so that the match is not jeopardized by the actions of the parent or fan.
- We will leave the coaching to the coach during the match. We will do our best to not give our child instructions during the match.
- We understand that (upon review) the ECSA can, and will if necessary, suspend our individual privilege to watch our child play should we behave in a manner that is rude or otherwise offensive.
- We will do our best to have as much enjoyment watching the match as the players should have playing the match.