

# CHESTER SOCCER CLUB

## PARENT & SPECTATOR CODE OF ETHICS

I will not force my child to participate in sports. However, if involved, we will commit and dedicate to the team for the full season of practices and games barring any unforeseen emergencies.

Review the rules with your child and explain why they are important.

Congratulate your child for playing fairly and trying hard. He will learn the value of honesty and integrity.

Let coaches coach: Most adults volunteer to coach because they love coaching the sport. Respect the coaches. They are volunteers.

Congratulate the opponents when they win. Be a good sportsman.

Thank the coaches, officials, and other volunteers who conducted the event.

I will never ridicule or yell at my child or other participants for making a mistake or losing a competition. Encourage their effort in private.

I will / emphasize skill development and practices and how they benefit my child over winning. I will also de-emphasize game and competition in the lower age groups.

I will promote the emotional and physical well being for the athletes ahead of any personal desire I may have for my child to win.

I will remember that children participate to have fun and that the game is for youth, not adults.

I will inform the coach of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others.

I will learn the rules of the game and the policies of the league. Abide by the code of ethics.

I (and my guests) will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player, or parent such as booing and taunting, refusing to shake hands; or using profane language or gestures.

I will not encourage any behavior or practices that would endanger the health and well being of the athletes.

I will teach my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence. To teach how to resolve any conflicts.

I will demand that my child treat other players, coaches, officials, and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, color, sex, or ability. Show good sportsmanship.

I will teach my child that doing ones best is more important than winning, so that my child will never feel defeated by the outcome of a game or his/her performance.

I will respect the officials and their authority during games and will never question, discuss, or confront coaches at the game field, and will take time to speak with coaches at an agreed upon time and place. This should be done in private and out of earshot of children.

I will demand a sports environment for my child that is free from drugs, tobacco, and alcohol, and I will absolutely refrain from their use at all sports events.

I will refrain from coaching my child or other players during games and practices, unless I am one of the official coaches of the team. Be a fan, not a parent.

*\*This policy has been adopted from the MIAA Sportsmanship Manual.*