



Downtown United Soccer Club

Parent Code of Conduct

Let the coaches coach: Leave the coaching to the coaches. This includes motivating during practice, pre-game pep talk, after game critiques, the setting of goals, requiring additional training, etc. You have entrusted the care of your child to the coaches; they need to be free to do their job.

Always Be Positive: Parents serve as role models for their children – please work to be a positive role model for all the children on the team. Applaud good plays by your child as well as his or her teammates. We expect you to be supportive of all our players. Under no circumstances should any negative comments or remarks about teammates, coaches, referees, or other club officials be made in public. This admonition applies to your child's team players, coaches and parents as well as the opposing team's coaches, players, and parents, and the referee.

Every parent has concerns and criticisms from time to time – the coaches and the club want to hear and respond to them. But please make sure that they are shared in an appropriate time and place. Please try to foster healthy discussion that look toward solutions.

Remember Your Child Wants To Have Fun: Your child is the one playing soccer, not you. It is very important to let children establish their own goals and to play the game for themselves. Take care not to impose your own standards and goals on them. Children play for the love of playing and parents must foster the proper balance in their children between striving for success and enjoying soccer.

11 Promises:

1. I will enjoy my child's opportunity to experience the benefits of participating in soccer.
2. I will remember that children participate to have fun and that the game is for them, not for the adults.
3. I will inform the coach of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others.
4. I will encourage my child and other children on the team.
5. I will make every effort to attend and be on time for all team events. If I am not in attendance, I will make every effort to promptly pick up my child or make arrangements for their safe return home.

6. **I (and my guests) will refrain from coaching my child or other players from the sidelines during games and practices, unless I am one of the official coaches of the team. Failure to comply with a request from the team's coach, manager, or other club official may result in my expulsion from the field. Failure to comply with this request may lead to a decision to bench, or suspend, my child.**
7. **I (and my guests) will not engage in any unsportsmanlike conduct toward any official, coach, player or parent. This includes, but is not limited to: booing, taunting, use of profane language or gestures, or physical contact. Failure to comply with this rule may result in my suspension from the field and my child's suspension from the team.**
8. I will encourage my child to learn and play by the rules of the game, and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility, violence or other behaviors that could endanger the health or well being of other players.
9. I will see that my child treats other players, coaches, officials and spectators with respect, regardless of race, color, creed, sex or ability.
10. I will provide my child with a sports environment that is free from drugs and alcohol and refrain from their use at every event.
11. I will respect the coaches and officials and their authority during games and will never question, discuss or confront coaches or officials at the game field, and will take the time to speak with coaches and officials at an agreed upon time and place.