



# Whitchurch-Stouffville Soccer Club

## Parents/Spectators Code of Conduct

Parents, your club is responsible for creating a safe place for your child to have fun, develop his/her soccer skills, learn valuable lessons and build character. You can therefore expect WSSC to:

- Develop an inclusive club culture that values both participation and competition
- Ensure coaches, officials, and other volunteers understand their responsibilities
- Implement child safe practises (i.e., guidelines on supervision, transportation, photographing children)
- Inform you of any concerns regarding your child and take action for inappropriate behaviour

As a parent, there are a number of things you can do to maximize your child's enjoyment and minimize potential risks to your child's well-being including:

- Get involved in the club
- Be a positive role model (i.e., support the team, don't argue with officials)
- Help your child recognize personal safety
- Speak out about inappropriate behaviour (i.e., harassment, bullying)
- Respond to your child's concerns

### As a parent:

I pledge to provide POSITIVE support and encouragement for all players at the various WSSC Soccer Fields by following the Parents/Spectators Code of Conduct.

- I will applaud the good plays of **both** teams. I will NEVER engage in booing or taunting players, coaches, or officials/referees.
- I will never swear, use profanity or make obscene gestures, or engage in any inappropriate behaviour or conduct, at any time.
- I appreciate that children play organized sports for enjoyment and I will place the emotional and physical well-being of my child(ren) ahead of my personal desire to win.
- I will recognize the importance of volunteer coaches and club organizers. They are essential to the development of my son/daughter and the sport of soccer. I will communicate with coaches, officials/referees, Technical Divisional Coaches and League Convenors in a respectful manner.
- I understand that officials/referees are responsible for ensuring that the game is played in a safe and fair manner for all participants. They do not make the soccer rules (FIFA laws of the game), they only apply them!
- I will be responsible to report to the WSSC Technical Divisional Coach and/or League Convenor any perceived misconduct by a coach, player, and parent or official so that it may be dealt with in a timely and appropriate manner.
- **I WILL LEAD BY EXAMPLE BY BEING A POSITIVE ROLE MODEL**