



Boxford Youth Soccer Parent Expectations

Soccer Parents are the core of the youth soccer community – inspiring their children, supporting coaches and administrators, and connecting with each other. As such, there are a number of resources to support soccer parents as they support their child. MYSA's site <https://www.soccerparenting.com/> is an excellent resource to help navigate all things soccer – from development to team formation.

Because of parents' crucial role, Boxford Youth Soccer has adopted MYSA's [Parent's Code of Conduct](#) and established norms that Parents within the program are expected to follow.

Parent Expectations:

- Demonstrate positive support for players, coaches, and officials at practices and games.
- Place the emotional and physical well-being of players ahead of the desire to win.
- Emphasize that effort is a more important metric than winning.
- Value that development is a more important goal than winning.
- Recognize that each child develops as a player at a different pace; it is important to avoid comparison thinking and rather, to focus on the individual player.
- Recognize that children participate in sports for their own enjoyment and satisfaction, and soccer should be as fun as possible at all times.
- Denounce behavior that is divisive to the team whether related to players, parents, or coaches.
- Respect that decisions on strategy, line-up and playing time sit with the coach and coaching staff.
- Refrain from "side line" coaching.
- Teach players to resolve conflicts appropriately.
- As requested, provide requisite registration information – proof of eligibility for Boxford soccer, ECYSA picture, etc. – in an accurate and timely fashion.
- Take responsibility for your child's behavior, and support coaches and referees to manage behavior as needed.

I understand that:

- Boxford Youth Soccer is committed to creating a safe, positive, and inclusive playing environment for all participants.
- Parents and coaches are expected to set examples of appropriate behavior and ethics for players.

- Boxford Youth Soccer reserves the right to suspend or permanently dismiss any player, coach, or spectator involved in behavior and actions that are inappropriate and counter to the positive spirit of the program.