



COTTAM SOCCER ASSOCIATION

Cottam Soccer Association Parent and Spectator Code of Conduct

As a parent/guardian or spectator:

1. I will not force my child to participate in sports.
2. I will remember that children participate to have fun and that the game is for youth, not adults.
3. I will inform the coach of any physical disability or ailments that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others.
4. I will endeavour to learn the rules of the game and the policies of the league.
5. I will be a positive role model for my child and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, officials and spectators at every game, practice or other sporting events.
6. I 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.
7. I will not encourage any behaviours or practices that would endanger the health and wellbeing of the athletes.
8. I will teach my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
9. I will demand that my child treat other players, coaches, officials and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, colour, sex or ability.
10. I will teach my child that doing one's best is more important than winning, so that my child will never feel defeated by the outcome of a game or his/her performance.
11. I will praise my child for competing fairly and trying hard.
12. I will never ridicule or yell at my child or other participant for making a mistake or losing a competition.
13. I will emphasize skill development and practises and how they benefit my child over winning.
14. I will promote the emotional and physical wellbeing of the athletes ahead of any personal desire I may have for my child to win.
15. 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.
16. I will demand a sports environment for my child that is free from drugs, tobacco and alcohol and I will refrain from their use at all sport events.
17. 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.

Cottam Soccer Association Code of Conduct Acknowledgement:

By registering for the Cottam Soccer Association, I accept this Code of Conduct and acknowledge that any breach of the above may be subject to progressive discipline, including removal from the field, suspension and expulsion from Cottam Soccer Association. Ignorance of the Code of Conduct cannot be used as a defense in disciplinary matters. It is expected that the parents and spectators understand and adhere to the Code.