

## **The Seattle Youth Soccer Association Codes of Conduct**

### **Code of Conduct for Parents**

1. Always be supportive of your child.
2. Remind everyone that playing the game well is more important than winning.
3. Support your child's teammates and coaches.
4. Never badger the opposition or argue with their supporters.
5. Be appreciative of good play from both sides.
6. Never harass or badger the referee.
7. After each match, have a positive attitude and show an appreciation for the importance of your child's effort.
8. Support the team and club by volunteering your services when needed. The only reason your child can play soccer is because of volunteers.

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_

### **Code of Conduct for Players**

1. Learn and observe the Laws of Soccer and league rules.
2. Treat other players as you wish to be treated - do not abuse or ridicule other players.
3. Listen to your coaches and accept their advice with respect.
4. Respect referees and linesmen - do not question their decisions.
5. Play clean and fair. Use your skill and talent. Don't cheat.
6. Play the whistle. Don't whine or complain to the referee.
7. Give the ball promptly to your opponent for their throw-ins, free kicks, etc. Do not stall by withholding the ball or encroaching on free kicks.
8. Hold your temper and control your anger. Do not overreact to comments from spectators or other players.
9. Control your play and discipline yourself. Do not play wildly and jeopardize your safety or that of other players.
10. Win with grace and lose with dignity. You, your club, and your association will be judged by your behavior.

Player Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Rule 4.5 of the SYSA Rules of Competition:

Each coach, manager and team shall be held primarily accountable for the conduct of the spectators from their respective teams.