

SHAKOPEE YOUTH FOOTBALL

Parent's Code of Ethics

- Make certain that your child has a positive sports experience.
- Have your child at practice and games on time (coach will announce times)
- Practice/ study the game with your child at home (study coaches hand-outs as well)
- Commit to learn the basics of the game (ask a coach, they'll be happy to explain)
- Come to games as often as you can and bring others to support your child, your child's team and the program.
- Cheer positively. Do not use profanity or antagonistically address any particular individual directly (i.e. officials, coaches, players, opposing teams, fans, etc.) Be a good sport!
- Allow the coach to coach and support the coach during discussions with your child. If you have reservations, address them with the coach directly, in private and at the appropriate time.
- Compliment and support your child. The more positive reinforcement, the more the likelihood of their enjoyment and success.
- Let the game officials officiate the game. Keep in mind that they are attempting to be as fair as possible and their knowledge of and interpretations of the rules may differ from yours.
- If you have issues or concerns or just questions, address the coach at the appropriate time and in private.
- Please keep in mind that our game is not at the professional, college or even high school level; it is a game that should be a fun and learning experience for our children. Winning is an important experience, however; winning is not of primary importance.
- Please keep in mind and stress to your child that his commitment to the team is exactly that- a COMMITMENT. When he/ she doesn't feel like participating; they are still obligated to their teammates and the team.
- We all understand that with any commitment there are many sacrifices, especially with the time commitment, however; the life's lessons learned far outweigh the sacrifices.
- Remember... this is our children's game- it's all about them!