



St. Clements Soccer Association

Parents Code of Conduct

Parents can be a very positive influence on the game of soccer and are encouraged to attend as many contests as possible to support their children. However, being a spectator is not without responsibility. To the extent to which spectators can be a positive influence, they can equally be a negative force. Parents and spectators of the SCSA are expected to:

- ⚽ Remember that children are playing for their enjoyment, not yours.
- ⚽ Encourage fair play and respect for all participants and the laws of the game.
- ⚽ Teach that honest effort is as important as victory, and will offer encouragement at all times, and applaud good plays by ALL players, even those on opposing teams.
- ⚽ Remember that children learn by example.
- ⚽ Refrain from giving instructions to players -- that is the coach's role.
- ⚽ Respect and show appreciation for the volunteer coaches, who give their time for the benefit of my child.
- ⚽ Respect the officials' judgment and never question the referee's decisions or authority, regardless of their age.
- ⚽ Support ALL efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from children's sporting activities.
- ⚽ Treat practices with the same importance as games, and will endeavor to have my child ready to participate at the time designated by the coach.
- ⚽ Realize that the team can be penalized for my behavior. If required, I must obey a request by a referee or the team's coach to leave the vicinity of the field.
- ⚽ Be responsible for my child at all times during any SCSA event, or to make reasonable arrangements for my child's care and safety.

Parent _____

Executive _____

Date _____