



## Parent and Spectator Code of Conduct

**We all have a responsibility to promote high standards of behavior in the game.**

In various national surveys, behavior was the biggest concern in the game. This included both the abuse of match officials and the unacceptable behavior by over competitive parents, spectators and coaches on the sidelines.

The NMYSA “**Caution: Children @ Play**” program is aimed at tackling unacceptable behavior across the whole game.

Play your part and observe the Code of Conduct for spectators and parents/guardians at all times.

### **I will:**

- Remain outside the field of play and behind the Designated Spectator Area (where provided)
- Never engage in or tolerate offensive, insulting or abusive language or behavior
- Always respect the match officials' decisions
- Applaud effort and good play as well as success

### **In addition, when attending youth games I will:**

- Remember that children play for FUN
- Let the coaches do their job and not confuse the players by telling them what to do
- Encourage the players to respect the opposition and match officials
- Never criticize a player for making a mistake—mistakes are part of learning

**I understand that breaches of the Code may result in action being taken by my League and/or my State Association.**

