

**Parent and Spectator Code of Conduct**

I will:

- Remain outside the field of play and behind the Designated Spectator Area (where provided).
- Never engage in or tolerate hostile sideline communication which includes:
  1. offensive, insulting or abusive language or behavior
  2. yelling or any comment directed toward the referee.
- Always respect the match officials' decisions.
- Applaud effort and good play as well as success (examples of supportive sideline communication).

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 (distracting sideline communications).
- Encourage the players to respect the opposition and match officials.
- Never criticize a player for making a mistake (an example of hostile sideline communication). Mistakes are part of learning.

Examples of the three types of sideline communication. \*

<b>Supportive:</b>	<b>Distracting:</b>	<b>Hostile:</b>
"Good Try!"	"Shoot it!"	"That's not good enough!"
"Nice pass"	"Pass it to Veronica"	"Come on Ref, that's terrible!"
"Good work!"	"Go to the ball!"	"Bobby, get in the game!"

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