

# David Douglas Soccer Club Parents Code of Conduct

## I will:

- Be supportive of the coach in action and verbally
- Respect the coach and the referees
- Be certain my children are at practices and games on time, and are picked up on time
- Remain with my child at all times
- Be calm and positive, or quiet at games
- Applaud good plays by both teams.
- Respect my children, and expect them to respect others at all times
- Focus on good nutrition
- I will accept the referee's decisions
- Accept the outcome of the game with a positive attitude
- Encourage the players to be gracious whether winning or losing
- Do not criticize your child's team or on the opposing team
- Since soccer is a mental game, I will ask my child what new skills they have learned and what their role in the game was, or will be
- To become a better spectator, I will play the games and learn to become a referee

## To become a good spectator:

I will remember that we are all here for the "Good of the Game", and that we participate in the "Spirit of Fair Play". Spectators should refrain from booing or yelling at officials, players or others at any time during soccer games. They should learn the game so they can understand and cheer good plays. Good plays that support the team effort to maintain control of the ball, not plays that merely kick the ball away and give control to the opponent. There are instances when clearing the ball is proper, but the usual play is to make an effective pass to a teammate who is not well defended.

## I will commit to learning the game of soccer by confirming:

- I will study and learn the game of soccer
- I will watch soccer videos with my children
- I will watch practices and games to focus on new strategies
- I will concentrate on praising other children during games
- I will create a positive impact by being accountable for my actions
- I will encourage communications between parents and coaches
- I will remain 6' behind the touch line, opposite side from the coaches and the team, and between the 18 yard lines
- I will not stand behind the goal, or goal side of the 18 yard lines
- I will not coach my child from the touch line
- I will retain a positive attitude at all times
- I will not use foul and abusive language at any time

## To help accomplish these objectives to gain a better understanding of the game:

- I will play the game of soccer. (Several adult levels of play are available for beginners)
- I will learn the Laws of the Game and possibly become a referee