

## Escondido Soccer Club Parent Code of Conduct

Thank you for choosing ESC for your child's soccer organization. A hearty welcome to all newcomers and welcome back all you old timers. Soccer, as you know, is the world's most popular sport and in our opinion, is the best sport for kids to learn teamwork, self-esteem, and other character building traits to help them become responsible adults.

As it is our goal for kids to have FUN while playing soccer, we have, unfortunately, had problems in the past, primarily with parents not setting the best example on the sidelines during the games. We, the Board of Directors, have drafted some guidelines to follow to make games more enjoyable for everyone.

- *I understand that improvement of a player's skills is the goal, not winning every game.*
- *Any words from me on the sidelines will be positive and encouraging, not negative or abusive.*
- *I will let the coach do his/her job and will not interfere with their coaching.*
- *If I have a problem with my child's coach (ie. playing time, position, etc.) I will try to work it out with the coach privately first. If not satisfied, I will contact my division commissioner.*
- *I will respect all referee decisions and I will not say anything negative toward the referee.*
- *I understand that I am not allowed to enter the field of play during a game or time-out without permission/invitation of the referee.*
- *I understand that any negative or abusive remarks toward the referee will not be tolerated.*
- *I understand that if I am out of line, the referee will speak to the coach first and in turn the coach will speak with me. If I continue to be out of line, the referee will ask the coach to leave, thus terminating the game.*
- *I understand NO DOGS, large or small, are allowed on the sidelines and I could be asked to remove my pet or given a citation if I ever bring them to the park.*
- *I will not use any profanity or abusive language while at the soccer fields.*
- *I will set the best example possible for my child and other players.*

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**PLAYER'S NAME**

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**PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE**

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**DATE**