



Parent Code of Conduct

The El Segundo Soccer Club believes the parent's role is one of support to the players and coaches. Parents should not engage in "coaching" from the sidelines, criticizing players, coaches or game officials or trying to influence the makeup of the team at any time. Every parent and spectator is expected to:

- Ensure that your child is at all games and practices at the required time or provide the coach with an appropriate excuse beforehand.
- Show respect and courtesy to game officials, coaches and players at all times.
- Regardless of personal feelings, never publicly criticize an opponent or a teammate.
- Respect the game officials and refrain from questioning their decisions or from addressing them in a loud, disrespectful, or abusive manner. Do not blame the loss of a game on injuries or officials.
- Cheer for your child's team in a positive manner, refraining at all times from making negative or abusive remarks about the opposing team. Maintain control of your emotions and avoid actions, language, and/or gestures that may be interpreted as hostile or humiliating.
- Parents and spectators are not encouraged to discuss coaching decisions, coaching strategies, other players, and problems with other coaches or parents *during the game*. Communication with the coaches is most productive when conducted off the field and in private.
- Demonstrate appropriate behavior of sportsmanship at the conclusion of a game, win or lose. If you lose a game, give credit to your opponent. At least admit that on this given day or occasion, the opponent may have played better.
- Teach and practice good sportsmanship and fair play by personally demonstrating commitment to these virtues.
- Promote the concept that soccer is a game, and that players and coaches on other teams are opponents, not enemies.
- No alcoholic beverages are allowed in the field area at any time, practice or game.

I have read the **Parent Code of Conduct** and the **Parent Letter**. I understand and agree to abide by them.

Parent signature

Date

Print parent name

Player name Team
