

## ROSWELL SANTOS PARENTS CODE OF CONDUCT

- **WE ENCOURAGE POSITIVE COMMENTS AND CHEERS FOR SPECIFIC PLAYS DURING THE GAMES.** Make athletic participation for your child and others a positive experience. The opponents are necessary friends. Without them your child could not participate. So, applaud good plays by your team and members of the opposing team.
- **DO NOT GIVE NEGATIVE COMMENTS OR CRITICISM ABOUT ANY OF THE PLAYERS, COACHES, OR REFEREES.** If you cannot say anything positive, don't say anything.
- **NO COACHING OR INSTRUCTING OF ANY KIND FROM THE SIDELINES.** Only the coach is allowed to coach the team. Parents coaching from the sidelines will only confuse the players.
- **BE KIND TO YOUR CHILD'S COACH.** All concerns, and input about your child, should never be done during a game. Set up an appointment to discuss issues with the coach.
- **NO DISSENT WITH THE REFEREES:** There is a mechanism for coaches to give formal feedback regarding the referee's performance should there be a problem with a referee. The coach should be the one that handles any issues with the referees. Accept their decisions and move on.

“Between the exuberance of the winner and the disappointment of the loser we find a person called a referee. All of them follow the same creed to watch every move of every player and to call the game to the best of his/her ability. Do not openly question his/her judgment and never the honesty. He/she is a symbol of fair play, integrity and sportsmanship”.

- **ACCEPT THE RESULTS OF EACH GAME.** Encourage the child to be gracious in victory, and turn defeat to victory by working towards improvement.
- **AVOID ENCROACHING BEYOND THE PARENTS DESIGNATED AREA UNTIL THE GAME HAS ENDED.** Players need to maintain their focus during the game. They are already under enough pressure.
- **CONTROLLING NEGATIVE EMOTIONS.** If the team's performance produces strong emotions (negative) in you, you need to step back and take a deep breath and suppress these emotions. Be positive and remember not to lose the focus. This is about the KIDS!
- **I UNDERSTAND** that violation of this Code may result in me being asked to leave the playing field and that my return would then be subject to the approval of the Roswell Recreation and Parks Soccer Staff.