



Stephenville Soccer Association Parental Code of Conduct

Please review the following and sign and date on the back. Return to your Team Coach.

- Children have more need for encouragement than criticism. Attempt to relieve the pressure of the competition, not increase it. A child is easily affected by outside influences.
- Be kind to your child's coach and the officials. The coach is a volunteer, giving of personal time and money to provide a recreational activity for your child.
- The opponents are necessary friends; without them your child could not participate.
- Applaud good plays by your team and by members of the opposing team.
- Do not openly question an official's judgment and honesty. Officials are symbols of fair play, integrity, and sportsmanship.
- Your Team's Coach is responsible for your behavior on the sidelines. Be Respectful! A Referee can send-off your Coach due to your behavior.
- Should I be asked to leave the field by an Association Board Member (Home or Away) due to my behavior, I agree to leave.
- Accept the results of each game. Encourage your child to be gracious in victory, and to turn defeat into victory by working towards improvement.
- Remember your child is involved in organized sports for their enjoyment, NOT YOURS!
- Encourage your child to always play by the rules.
- Remember that your child learns by example. Children mimic what their parents say. Criticism of the coach, officials, teammates, and/or opponents fosters bad attitudes and can only lead to a negative experience for your child.
- Parents should remember that a coach has an entire team of players to consider when making decisions regarding position, playing time, substitutions, and strategy. The team does not revolve around one player.
- Foul language is NOT tolerated by SSA.
- Bullying between players is NOT tolerated by SSA.
- If your player receives a Yellow Card during a game, it is up to the Coach how to proceed.
- If your player receives a Red Card during a game, the player will be required to dress out and attend the following game, but remain on the bench as an unused player. A sit-out verification form must be signed by the Referee. This is to demonstrate support for their Team. The player will not be allowed to play until they attend a game and sit-out.