

## Verona Area Soccer Club

### Parental Code of Conduct

The Verona Area Soccer Club (VASC or the Club) is concerned about the conduct of all coaches and referees during games at all levels, from purely recreational to highly competitive.

We want to ensure that games are fair, positive and enjoyable experiences for all of the children and adults involved. A soccer game should be friendly and unifying - a spirited social and athletic occasion for players, coaches, referees and spectators.

In accordance with these general statements, the VASC requires parents and guests of players within the club to abide by the following Code of Conduct:

- I will not force my child to play soccer.
- I will remember that my child participates in soccer primarily for his/her enjoyment, not mine.
- I will teach my child that doing one's best is more important than winning and will be supportive no matter the outcome of the game.
- I will encourage my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
- I will praise my child for trying hard and competing fairly.
- I will never ridicule or yell at my child or other players for making a mistake or losing a game.
- I will cheer all good plays and avoid booing opponents.
- I will not question an official's bias or judgment in public.
- I will respect and show appreciation for the volunteer coaches and officials who donate their time to my child.
- I will remember that the players are amateurs and that they cannot be judged by the same standards as professionals.
- I understand that the officials do their best and I will respect their decisions.
- I will show respect for my team's opponents.
- I will not use profanity, nor will I harass players, coaches, officials, or other spectators.
- I will not coach from the sidelines.
- I will strive to understand the Laws of the Game and the Madison Area Youth Soccer Association adaptations.
- I will demand a sports environment for my child that is free from profanity, drugs, tobacco, and alcohol and I will refrain from their use at all sports events.
- I also understand that the referee assigned is in charge of the game and, if asked to leave the game or the park, I must follow the request of the referee.

I have read and I understand the above statements and I agree to conduct myself in a manner that demonstrates the standards established in the Parental Code of Conduct. I understand that if I fail to follow these guidelines, the disciplinary procedures could include:

- Verbal warning by official, coach, and/or head of league organization
- Written warning
- Parental game suspension with written documentation of incident kept on file by organizations involved
- Game forfeit through the official or coach
- Parental suspension

My entire family has viewed the "Attitudes Are Contagious" video as required for participation in the club.

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

PRINT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

CHILD/TEAM NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ AGE GROUP: \_\_\_\_\_