

Toledo Celtics Soccer Club

Parent Code of Conduct

In order to ensure that the principles of sportsmanship, fair play, and mutual respect among coaches, players, officials, parents and spectators characterize all competition sponsored by the Toledo Celtics Soccer Club, and any leagues or tournaments that the club is associated with, it is the obligation of all head coaches, team managers, program administrators, parents and spectators to create an environment that promotes this objective. Those who willfully violate this code jeopardize their participation in the Toledo Celtics Soccer Club. 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:

- 1) Learn and follow the rules of soccer, as well as the rules established by any leagues and tournaments in which your child's team is participating.
- 2) Show respect and courtesy to game officials, coaches and players at all times.
- 3) Regardless of personal feelings, never publicly criticize an opponent or a teammate.
- 4) Respect the game officials and refrain from questioning their decisions and/or addressing them in a loud, disrespectful, or abusive manner. **DO NOT DISAGREE WITH, QUESTION OR CRITICIZE THE REFEREE. THIS RULE APPLIES EVEN IF THE REFEREE MAKES A MISTAKE.** If you have an issue with your referee, speak to your head coach after the game and he can provide positive feedback to appropriate associations. Parents or spectators may not question a referee at any time. Do not blame the loss of a game on injuries or officials.
- 5) 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.
- 6) Ensure that your child is at all games and practices at the required time or provide the coach with an appropriate excuse beforehand.
- 7) 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.
- 8) 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.
- 9) Teach and practice good sportsmanship and fair play by personally demonstrating commitment to these virtues.
- 10) Promote the concept that soccer is a game, and that players and coaches on other teams are opponents, not enemies.

Full legal name of parent or guardian - Father
(Please print)

Full legal name of parent or guardian - Mother
(Please print)

Signature – Father

Signature - Mother

Today's Date