

Parent Responsibilities

All parents and players assume the responsibilities of being a member of the Vikings Soccer Club. When you agree to allow your son or daughter to become a part of the club, you are agreeing to join our family as a full-fledged member with all the responsibilities that come with an organization that believes in respect for others. You have joined a group that sees a bigger picture and wants to promote a positive example not only for your children and the game of soccer, but the world around us.

You will be expected to:

- A. Be a role model for **all** the kids and adults in the organization.
- B. Make only positive verbal comments.
- C. Attempt to learn the game and gain knowledge that can be used to promote the sport of soccer.
- D. Keep clear lines of communication with the coaching staff, the board of directors, and the players.
- E. Inform club of your child's relevant medical conditions.
- F. Pay fees promptly.
- G. Show respect for referees, staff, and players (both Vikings players and opponents).
- H. Be responsible for your children being on time, being properly equipped, and showing respectful behavior no matter what the circumstances or provocation.
- I. **Report any and all issues to the coach, not the team administrator, other parents, or members.**
- J. **Failure to abide by the club's Code of Conduct will result in a hearing to determine if action should be taken. That decision is the sole discretion of the Vikings Disciplinary Committee.**

Parents' Code

Remember, as a group we are trying to build an organization that we will want to be part of for a long time to come; an organization we are proud of that simply treats people how they want to be treated. Help us promote this great game and its attributes. Be an important part of a Soccer Club like no other in the United States and one day we will all be talking about what a great group of people we are lucky enough to be associated with.

Vikings Parents' Code:

- Children have a greater need for example than criticism.
- Make soccer participation for your child and others a positive experience.
- Attempt to relieve the pressure of competition, not to increase it. A child is easily affected by outside influences.
- Be kind to your child's coach and to the officials.
- To abide by the 24-hour rule which discourages a parent from contacting a coach within 24 hours of the completion of a game or incident for discussion.
- The opponents are a necessary friend. Without them, your child could not participate.
- Applaud good plays by your team and by members of the opposing team.
- Parents should be cheerleaders.
- Between the exuberance of the winner and the disappointment of the loser, we find a person called the referee. All of them follow the same creed to watch every move of every player and to call the game to the best of their ability. Do not openly question their judgment and never their honesty. They are a symbol of fair play, integrity, and sportsmanship.
- Accept the results of each game. Encourage the child to be graceful in victory and to turn defeat to a victory by working towards improvement.
- **Just like in real life, children will sometimes deal with adversity.**
- **Accept the decisions of the club as being in the best interest of the entire club.**