



Oconee United Soccer Academy

Parent/Guardian Code of Conduct

I hereby pledge to provide positive support and encouragement for my child and officials participating in youth soccer by following this Parent's Code of Conduct:

- I will remember that my child is the one playing soccer.
- I will **not** address the referees. The only exception being to point out emergencies or safety issues. If I have a major complaint about a referee, I will seek out the coach or a Board Member.
- I will not coach from the side touchlines, or from behind the goals. If I do, I may confuse, distract or frustrate the players as well as contradict a coach's instructions.
- I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches and officials. I will conduct myself with dignity and encourage the same behavior from others.
- I will treat other players, coaches, fans, and officials with respect.
- During games, I will stay at least three feet from the side touchline and completely away from the area behind the goal and the player/coach touchline.
- I will encourage fair play.
- I will de-emphasize winning and focus on my child's development.
- I will applaud good plays by members of my team and members of the opposing team.
- I will not bring alcohol or illegal drugs to any soccer venue.
- I will not use profanity around players, fans, or officials.
- I will refrain from verbal abuse, intimidation, or physical altercations at any soccer venue.
- I will realize my actions are seen and heard by my child as well as other players on the field and can be an embarrassment to them and affect my child's overall enjoyment of the game.
- I will obey and support both the letter and the spirit of the laws of the game (<http://www.fifa.com/worldfootball/lawsOfthegame.html>).
- I will abide by the SCYSA Code of Conduct (http://www.scysa.org/assets/pdfs/CodeofEthicsrev_JUL-2009.pdf).