



KSC Parent Code of Conduct

The Kinnelon Soccer Club (KSC) is a member of the Morris County Youth Soccer Association (MCYSA). The goal of the Kinnelon Soccer Club (KSC) is to provide a positive soccer experience for our children so they can reach their maximum potential. To attain this goal, the program aims to teach and develop within all players the techniques, tactics, fitness and psychology necessary to be quality soccer players. Achieving the goals of the KSC requires greater commitment on the part of players than recreation programs. KSC expects that children come prepared to be fully engaged while having fun playing soccer.

Parents play an important role in the development of the KSC player and as such, they lead by example. We ask that all parents lead with respect of the coaches, players, referees and other parents when present during games and/or practices. As a reminder the game is for our youth and not for the adults. Parents are expected to abide by the following:

- Inform the coach of any physical disability or ailment or any other issues that may affect the safety of their child or the safety of others.
- Be a positive role model for their child and their teammates and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, officials and spectators at every game, practice or other program held by KSC. This will also be expected of any guest in attendance.
- To not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player, or parent including the opposing team. Unsportsmanlike behavior includes booing and taunting; refusing to shake hands; or using profane language against the individuals noted above.
- To teach my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence. If a parent believes their child is being taunted or is under a hostile environment during practices/games, they should immediately reach out to both the coach and a member of the board.
- To teach my child that doing one's best is more important than winning, that growth and development outweighs the mere result of the game, and that success is defined not only by wins and losses.
- To respect the officials and their authority during games and to not question, discuss, or confront coaches at the game field. A parent may speak with coaches at an agreed upon time and place after the game.
- If any issue or concern arises regarding your child, the expectation is that the parent will discuss it with the coach. If a resolution is not reached or concerns are not being addressed, the parent should reach out to the board of directors for resolution.
- If a parent has any issues or concerns related to a game that has taken place, a 24 hour cooling period is required before the parent approaches the coach to discuss such concerns.

Please remember that at the younger ages, the goal for our soccer players is to learn the skills of soccer and to develop as soccer players. As a result, players may not always win games. Success should be measured by their skill development and teamwork.

Signature: _____
(Parent)

Date: _____