



# Portage Youth Soccer Association

## Parents Code of Conduct

By registering my child to participate in Portage Youth Soccer Association events, I agree to the following:

I understand that children participate in soccer for their enjoyment of the sport.

I will focus on the child's efforts and performance rather than winning or losing.

I will encourage children always to play according to the rules and to settle disagreements without resorting to hostility or violence.

I will never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a game.

I understand that children learn best by example. I will conduct myself in a kind and courteous manner toward all in attendance at both practices and games.

I will support all efforts to keep verbal and physical abuse from all soccer activities.

I understand that referees, just as coaches and players, are attempting to do their best. I will respect the decisions of the game officials even if I disagree with the call, and I will instruct the children to do the same. I will refrain from speaking to officials, unless it is to say thank you after the game. If I have questions or concerns with the referees, I will speak to the coach after the game or at practice.

I will make efforts to learn and understand the rules of the game; I will read and abide by the Rules for PYSA events.

I will show appreciation for volunteer coaches and administrators because I realize that without them, my child could not participate. I understand that they are providing a valuable community service, often without reward.

I will respect the rights, dignity, and worth of every person regardless of their gender, physical appearance, ability, cultural background or religion.

If I feel that I cannot reach an agreement with a coach or if I am uncomfortable addressing a coach, I agree to seek mediation through the PYSA Board of Directors.

I understand that my attitude and comments have the ability to affect those around me, both positively and negatively.

I will ensure that my child is available for most practices and games. Practices are as important as games. Children who simply do not show up for practice and/or games are letting everybody down. If I know my child is unable to attend a practice or game, I will give the coach advance notice to enable proper planning.

I will report to the coach all injuries, special medical conditions, or extenuating circumstances that may affect the player's performance.

I will ensure that my child is ready to play at practices and games; my child will be dressed in proper attire and will arrive on time. (Items Necessary for Games and Practices Listed in Player Code of Conduct).

Portage Youth Soccer Association requires that drugs, tobacco, and alcohol be absent from any club sponsored event, and I will refrain from their use during any PYSA activities.

I understand that any violation of the code of conduct may result in adverse action taken by the PYSA Board of Directors to include barring my participation in future PYSA activities.