



# Overland Park Soccer Club

## PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT

The purpose of the Overland Park Soccer Club is to offer youngsters the opportunity to participate in the game of soccer, with the emphasis on learning skills and practicing good sportsmanship. The support of parents is crucial to the success of each child and program the child is involved in. The majority of parents whose children participate in the Overland Park Soccer Club are well behaved. Children emulate the principles that are instilled at home and are evident when the family is in public. Parents are the primary role models.

Unfortunately, some parents let their passion for a sport override their ability to be a positive role model. Their knowledge and understanding of the game, as well as their perspective, prevent them from exhibiting good sportsmanship. Some parents believe they need to yell at the referees to "remind" them of the rules and to insure that calls won't be made against their team. At times, parents attempt to influence the play of an opponent by making disparaging remarks towards the opponent.

This type of confrontational behavior has no place at a youth soccer game and is not permitted by the Overland Park Soccer Club. Only positive comments should be directed at the players, coaches, referees as well as other parents. Let the children play the game and continuously encourage them.

1. You are your child's number one role model. Present the best example of character and behavior at all times.
2. Allow the coach to coach the team! Be an enthusiastic, positive supporter of the coaches' work during games by your actions and words.
3. Relieve the pressure of competition by helping players enjoy practices and games. Players feel enough pressure on their own.
4. Help the coach aid your player by making certain they are on time and properly equipped for all practices and games.
5. Treat all participants (players, coaches, referees, and spectators) with the same respect that you would want for your own child. NEVER YELL AT OR TOUCH A REFEREE.
6. Learn all you can about the game. Before you attempt to interpret the Laws of the Game, be sure you know and understand them.
7. Appreciate and commend good play, no matter who makes it.
8. Remember the game is for the players and no one else. Do all you can to support them. Make soccer an educational opportunity.
9. Take an active interest in how participation is affecting your child as he/she grows into an adult. Help them know how to win and how to find positives in a losing game.

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Player

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Parent and/or Guardian