



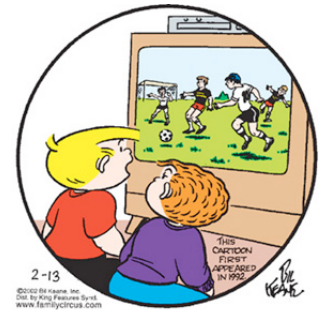
Webster Youth Soccer Code of Conduct

The Webster Youth Soccer Board wants to ensure that the principles of sportsmanship, fair play, and mutual respect among players, coaches, officials, and spectators are exemplified at all events sponsored by the Webster Soccer and the Midland Area Youth Soccer (MAYS) League. Therefore, we ask that you abide by the following expectations to ensure that each game and practice is a spirited social and athletic occasion:

Parents and Spectators

The parents' role is one of support to the players and coaches. Parents should not engage in "coaching" from the sidelines; criticizing players, coaches or game officials; or trying to influence the makeup of the team at any time. Every parent and spectator is expected to:

- Learn and respect the rules of soccer, and the rules of our League.
- Show respect and courtesy to game officials, coaches, and players at all times.
- Respect the game officials and refrain from questioning their decisions or from addressing them in a loud, disrespectful, or abusive manner.
- Cheer for your child's team in a positive manner, refraining at all times from making negative or abusive remarks about the opposing team. Maintain control of your emotions and avoid actions, language, and/or gestures that may be interpreted as hostile and humiliating.
- Ensure that your child is at all games and practices at the required time or provide the coach with an appropriate excuse beforehand.
- Demonstrate appropriate gestures of sportsmanship at the conclusion of a game, win or lose.
- Teach and practice good sportsmanship and fair play by personally demonstrating commitment to these virtues.
- Promote the concept that soccer is merely a game, and that players and coaches on other teams are opponents, not enemies.



"The reason they can play that good is their parents aren't yelling at them from the sidelines."

Players

Every player is expected to:

- Know and respect the rules of soccer, and abide by them at all times.
- Show respect and courtesy to officials and coaches by following their instructions and directions.
- Respect the game officials and refrain from addressing them or commenting on their decisions during or after the game. Note: The coaches may address the officials after the game, but only within the provisions of the rules and in a courteous, respectful manner.
- Maintain control of his/her emotions, avoiding the use of abusive or profane language, taunting or humiliating remarks, and/or gestures and physical assault upon another player at any time.
- Respect the coaches and players of the opposing team and display sportsmanship at the conclusion of a game; being humble and generous in victory, and proud and courteous in defeat.
- Follow all League rules and regulations, respecting at all times the property of others.
- Remember that soccer is a game, and treat players and coaches on other teams as opponents, not enemies.