

North Toronto Soccer Club

## **Code of Conduct: Parents, Guardians, Caregivers, Spectators**

The expectation and attitudes of Parents, Guardians, Caregivers and Spectators have a significant bearing on a child's attitude towards:

- Other players, referees, coaches and managers, and spectators
- Their long-term enjoyment of the game of soccer

North Toronto Soccer Club will ensure that parents/guardians/caregivers/spectators within the club are always positive and encouraging towards all of the players—not just their own—and will follow these policies themselves and encourage others to:

- Never engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, parent or player, such as booing, taunting or using profane language or gestures.
- Respect the authority of referees and coaches; never criticizing, contradicting or interfering with referees or coaches at the field; and speak with coaches privately regarding any concerns.
- Demonstrate and encourage good sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and by expressing positive support for all players, coaches and officials.
- Adhere to the policies of all facilities including: water only (no other beverage or food) on artificial turf; no pets anywhere at schools or other fields that do not allow them; no wet shoes or boots on gym floors; no parking in prohibited areas.

### *Additionally, for Parents/Guardians/Caregivers of Players under 18:*

- Remember that youth soccer programs are for the players, not for parents and other adults.
- Teach children to play by the rules, and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility.
- Acknowledge that, in children's leagues, team coaches and club officials are not responsible for the supervision of any child; any child young enough to normally require adult supervision will be supervised.

The club will ensure that parents/guardians/caregivers/spectators agree and adhere to the Code of Conduct and OSA Screening Handbook.