

# **LOUDOUN SOCCER: PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT**

**We will drop-off and pick-up our child to and from all soccer activities (practices, games, etc) in a timely fashion.**

**We will ask questions and provide input and positive suggestions directly to the appropriate party in an adult atmosphere – making sure the youth players are not present at any time during these conversations and avoid making a public spectacle, and we will observe the "24/48" rule when addressing the issue (wait 24 hours to cool off, then address the issue in the next 48 hours to the appropriate person so it can be dealt with in a timely fashion).**

**We will discuss issues and concerns first with the appropriate party and then, if dissatisfied, follow the club escalation policy (if team related: begin with your coach, then Mini or Rec Program Manager, then Director of Player Development, then Technical Director, then Board of Directors; if program related: begin with the appropriate Program Manager).**

**We will not criticize the referee openly or directly, during or after games. Any criticism shall be done in writing to the Loudoun Soccer Referee Director (via email at [refdirector@loudounsoccer.com](mailto:refdirector@loudounsoccer.com)), not verbally.**

**We will only give positive feedback to players of both teams.**

**We will cheer at all games within the spirit of fair play and shall do our best to cheer the effort regardless of the outcome. We will be mindful in "lopsided" games where cheering our own "winning" team might be misunderstood.**

**We shall do our best to teach our players to become students of the game.**

**We shall find the "little successes" that our children have during each match.**

**We shall show the quality of our sportsmanship during and after each and every match.**

**We shall do our very best to have our child prepared for every match.**

**We shall support the learning effort of the players, the coaches and the referees by demonstrating our patience.**

**We understand that improper behavior at a match may result in a parent being asked to leave the field by the referee, the coach or a club official so the coach does not receive a yellow card caution or even a red card ejection due to the actions of the parent spectator.**

**We shall leave the coaching to the coach during match. We shall do our best not to give our child instructions during the match.**

**We understand that (upon review) Loudoun Soccer can, and will if necessary, suspend our individual privilege to watch our child play should we behave in a manner that is rude or otherwise offensive. We agree to do our best to have as much fun watching the game as the players should have playing the game.**