



## **Code of Conduct for Parents**

Youth soccer is for the players. All parents associated with the Trumbull United Soccer Club (TUSC) are invited to share in the pleasure of watching their children participate in the world's most popular sport, so long as their behavior does not distract the players and officials from the free flow of play which is the trademark of the sport. TUSC prides ourselves on having respectful and engaged families, and we ask that parents and guardians continue to adhere to these guidelines.

A parent or guardian should:

- Foster an environment of respect for referees, players, coaches, and spectators of the opposing team through words of encouragement and support.
- Applaud superior play, effort, and sportsmanship by players on both teams.
- Support your coaches and managers consistently regardless of the results on the field. Coaches and managers contribute many hours of their time to your children. They deserve your congratulations when the team wins and your encouragement when the team doesn't.
- Communicate any concerns to the coach at the appropriate time (recommended 24 hour cool off period) away from the playing location and players.
- Your cooperation with these standards before, during, and after each game or practice will make TUSC more enjoyable for everyone.

A parent or guardian must:

- Never use foul language or obscene gestures at a game or practice site.
- Avoid comments and gestures that express disagreement with referee decisions.
- Cooperate with any request by the game officials.
- Never consume alcoholic beverages on the field location at practices or games.

A parent or guardian understands that:

- Any parent or spectator who fails to adhere to these standards will be required to leave the playing area, and play will be suspended until he or she does so.
- TUSC reserves the right to suspend or terminate a player's enrollment for his or her parent's persistent or extreme sideline misbehavior, and there will be no refunds of player fees in such cases.
- Parents or guardians are responsible for their guests' behavior and must inform their guests of the applicable rules of conduct.

Any breaches of this Code of Conduct can result in your child's suspension and a member's removal from TUSC. Comments and behavior of any member which contradict the mission statement or disrupt the functioning of a team can result in the suspension and/or removal from the club.

### **Coach Expectations**

All members of the Trumbull United Soccer Club coaching staff are to see themselves as role models and ambassadors for the Club. We ask that our coaches be aware of how they represent themselves, their team, and the club. It is imperative that our coaches are respectful to all around them including parents, opposing teams, and referees. We expect our coaches to exhibit professional behavior at all times, both on and off the field. There should be no negative interactions between coaches and referees, coaches and opposing coaches/players, or coaches and visiting parents. Disciplinary action will be taken against any member of the coaching staff whose actions bring the Club into disrepute. Trumbull United coaches should aspire to be experts in player development and seek feedback and education, both formal and informal, that will help them down that path.