

Kids Zone Parent Pledge

Bald Eagle Youth Soccer (BEYS)

Please read, initial each item, sign at the end and return to the coach/team parent of your child's team. If this form is not returned, your child may be deemed ineligible to play this season.

1. I pledge to be on time or early when bringing my child to his/her practices and games. I understand that it may be uncomfortable for my child to be late to a game or practice and that he/she is subject to physical risk if not provided with adequate time to warm up. I understand that I am encouraged to stay during practices and games and help the coach when needed. If I do not stay, I will let the coach know, and I will be there when practice is finished. Being punctual shows respect for the coach, who has other time commitments, and it tells my child that he/she is my top priority. _____
2. I understand that the top three reasons kids play sports are to have fun, make new friends, and learn new skills. I understand that the game is for kids, and I will encourage my child to have fun and keep sport in its proper perspective. I understand that athletes do their best when they are emotionally healthy, so I will be positive and supportive. _____
3. I will redefine what it is to be a "Winner" in my conversations with my child. Winners are people who make the maximum effort, continue to learn and improve, and do not let mistakes, or fear of making mistakes, discourage them. I understand that mistakes are an inevitable part of any game and that people learn from their mistakes. I understand that all children are born with different abilities and that the true measure of success is not how my child compares to others, but how he/she is doing in comparison to his/her best self. _____
4. I will "Honor the Game." I understand the importance of setting a good example of sportsmanship for my child. I will show respect for all involved in the game including coaches, players, opponents, opposing fans, and referees. I understand that officials, coaches, and players make mistakes. If the referee makes a call that I do not agree with, I will refrain from questioning, insulting or making personal attacks against him or her. _____
5. I understand that games can be exciting for my child as he/she deals with the fast-paced action of the game, responds to opponents, referees, teammates, and listens to coaches. I will not yell out instructions. During the game, I will make only sportsmanlike comments that encourage my child and other players on both teams. _____
6. I will not make negative comments about the game, coaches, referees or teammates in my child's presence. This sets a bad example, which can negatively influence my child's motivation and overall experience. I agree to act in a sportsmanlike manner and make every effort to foster a friendly and non-violent atmosphere.
7. **I will not use alcohol or drugs, including tobacco, while on site. I will refrain from smoking while my child is at practice or games to foster the image and respect for the soccer organization.** _____

I AGREE TO HONOR THE PARENT PLEDGE IN MY WORDS AND ACTIONS.

Parent Signature

Print Child's Name