



## **Petoskey Youth Soccer Association Parent Code of Conduct**

The mission of PYSA is to provide a positive and challenging life experience through recreational and competitive soccer for the Petoskey area and Northern Lower Michigan by participation in local, regional and state league and tournament play. Its purpose is to promote mental and physical fitness, develop self and community pride, teach sportsmanship and to provide the youth of the Petoskey area the opportunity to participate in an organized program of soccer. The activity is dedicated to the teaching of the skills of soccer, as well as an understanding and appreciation of the game. Good physical health habits and good mental attitudes shall be encouraged for all participants in PYSA programs. To achieve its mission and purpose the PYSA shall specifically seek:

- A. To provide a comprehensive youth soccer program for all youth within our defined geographic boundaries.
- B. To encourage and provide for parental and community support in the instructional and competitive aspects of a youth soccer program.
- C. Through such a program, to support the growth and development of our youth and the development of the sport of soccer.
- D. PYSA shall not discriminate nor condone discrimination on the basis of race, color, creed, national or ethnic origin, disability, sex, gender identity, religion, political beliefs, familial or parental status, sexual orientation, or if all or part of an individual's income is derived from any public assistance programs.
- E. PYSA may be an affiliated league of and comply with the authority of the Michigan State Youth Soccer Association (MSYSA) and the United States Youth Soccer Association (USYSA) and the United State Soccer Federation (USSF).

**As a parent of the Petoskey Youth Soccer Association I understand and will conduct myself with the following principles in mind:**

- Our philosophy stresses development and growth – results will come as we develop each player and team.
- Parents should be positive cheerleaders from the sidelines. I will allow the coaches to coach, the officials to officiate and most importantly the players to play.
- Children have a greater need for example than they do for criticism.
- Attempt to relieve the pressure of competition, not increase it.



- Be kind to your child's coach and officials. The coach is often a volunteer who gives personal time and money to provide a recreation activity for your child. The referees are charged with the responsibility to watch every move of every player, and uphold the Laws of the Game to the best of their ability. Never question their judgment or honesty. They are a symbol of fair play, integrity and sportsmanship.
- The opponents are necessary friends. Without them, your child could not participate.
- Applaud good plays by your team and by members of the opposing team.
- Accept the results of the game and see learning opportunities in every win and every loss.

**As a parent of PYSA I will commit to the expectations of me in order for my child to participate:**

- Involvement in travel soccer team is a large commitment by BOTH the players and parents. Parents and players must be willing to practice more and travel greater distances to play games. Parents will be required to volunteer for team positions and other projects throughout the season, including tournament work shifts (1 per player), season work bees, and pre-tournament work bees.
- If I have a concern as a parent following a competition I will not approach the coach immediately after the game – Understanding sports brings out great emotions in everyone involved I will give a cooling off period before confronting any issues.
- Issues and concerns should be dealt with by the expectations laid forth by the coach of the team. The club director and director of coaches are also available to our membership, however attempts to communicate with the managers and coaches should be made prior to getting the directors involved.