

## **FWYSA Parents' Code of Conduct**

(from FWYSA Rules of Play, XIV.C)

Parents. All parents of FWYSA players shall abide by the Parent's Code of Conduct:

1. Children have more need of example than criticism.
2. Attempt to relieve the pressure of competition, not increase it. A child is easily affected by outside influences.
3. Be kind to your child's coach and officials. The coach is a volunteer, giving of her or his personal time and money to provide a recreational activity for your child.
4. The opponents are necessary friends. Without them your child could not participate.
5. Applaud good play by your team and by members of the opposing team.
6. Do not openly question an official's judgement and honesty. Officials are symbols of fair play, integrity, and sportsmanship.
7. Accept the results of each game. Encourage your child to be gracious in victory, and to turn defeat into victory by working towards improvement.
8. Remember your children are involved in organized sports for their enjoyment--not yours.
9. Encourage your child to always play by the rules. Teach your child that honest effort is as important as victory so that the result of each game is accepted without undue disappointment.
10. Support all effort to remove verbal and physical abuse from your child's sporting activities.
11. Remember that soccer is a team sport. Encourage your child to work with his or her teammates. Avoid giving special rewards to your child for scoring. No one player wins or loses a game.