

Parent/Guardian Code of Conduct

A parent or guardian should:

- First and foremost, remember that this is youth soccer and a positive experience for all children involved is our number one focus.
- 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 consistently, regardless of game outcomes. We expect our players to win with humility and lose with dignity. We expect the same from parents. Coaches contribute many hours of time to your children. They deserve your congratulations when your team wins and your encouragement when your 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.

A parent or guardian must:

- Parent/Guardian (or Player) must notify coach in advance if player is unable to attend a practice or game.
- Never use foul language or obscene gestures at a game or practice site.
- Refrain from negative comments or coaching from the sideline during a game or practice. Any cheering shall be words of encouragement only, spectator coaching from the sidelines will not be tolerated.
- Avoid comments and gestures that express disagreement with referee decisions.
- Cooperate with any request by the game officials.
- Never consume alcoholic beverages on field locations during practices or games.
- Refrain from using tobacco products on field locations during 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.
- Des Moines Soccer Club 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 by any parent, guardian or guest can result in your player's suspension and a member's removal from all Des Moines Soccer Club events, practices and games.