

# DSA Code of Ethics for Parents and Spectators

- 3.22.2.1. Children have more need for example than for criticism.
- 3.22.2.2. Attempt to relieve the pressure of the competition, not increase it. A child is easily affected by outside influences.
- 3.22.2.3. Be supportive of your child's coach and officials. The coach is a volunteer, giving of personal time and in many cases money, to provide a recreational activity for your child.
- 3.22.2.4. Opponents are necessary. Without them, your child could not participate in a soccer game.
- 3.22.2.5. Applaud good plays by your team and by members of the opposing team.
- 3.22.2.6. Do not openly question an official's judgment or honesty. Officials are symbols of fair play, integrity, and sportsmanship. Be understanding and supportive. Remember that your interpretation of the rule, may not be what the referee saw.
- 3.22.2.7. Accept the results of each game. Encourage your child to be gracious in victory and to turn any defeat into victory by exhibiting good sportsmanship and working towards improvement in the next game.
- 3.22.2.8. Always remember, most children are involved in soccer for their enjoyment.
- 3.22.2.9. Always encourage your child to play by the rules.
- 3.22.2.10. Teach your child that honest effort is as important as victory so that the result of each game is accepted without undue disappointment.
- 3.22.2.11. Help your child to learn not to place blame for a defeat.