

Spectator Code of Conduct

These codes of conduct have been developed to clarify and distinguish approved and accepted professional, ethical, and moral behavior from that which is detrimental to the development of the sport of soccer.

The Northern Soccer Club philosophy is to emphasize that our first priority is our youth. They are our reason for existence and our most valuable resource. Our goal is to provide a wholesome atmosphere in which a player can learn the techniques and tactics of soccer with sportsmanship and enjoyment. ALL spectator behavior should reflect this philosophy.

- Spectators are welcome at all games. However, remember that a child can follow only one set of directions at a time. **During a game, the child should receive directions ONLY from the team coach.**
- Spectators are asked to be positive role models for the players. This includes respect for referees and their decisions. The league rules state that a coach can be carded (booked or ejected) for abusive behavior by the spectators. Please don't embarrass either your child or coach by displaying inappropriate behavior or language.
- All spectators for both teams should stand or sit on the sideline **opposite** the players and coaches. No spectators should stand behind the goal area.
- Please cheer for your team. Be encouraging of good performance and be supportive when the game is not going well. Sideline comments should be positive to both teams.
- Allow the coach to have time with his/her team after a game. This is an important time and only takes a few minutes. Remain on the spectator side of the field and refrain from approaching your child until the coach dismisses them.
- Remember that our coaches are giving of their time for the benefit of your child. Please keep the coach informed if your child must miss practice or a game. Keep the coach informed of any health issues affecting your child.
- Please be supportive of your coach: raise any issue of disagreement with him/her privately and preferable the day after the game. If you have a conflict with your coach that cannot be resolved privately, please contact the Director of Coaching.

Every parent is responsible for maintaining proper behavior on the sidelines.
Please discourage unsportsmanlike behavior.