



**Soccer Club of Guilford**

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## **SCOG PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT**

- ***Hold each other accountable, report those not doing things the right way!***
- Use of email: parents supply personal and work emails for official SCOG use. No one may "Reply All" to SCOG team emails, nor use SCOG emails for personal use.
- Provide only positive support during games.
- Do not criticize your child's teammates or coaches in the presence of your child or his/her teammates.
- Do not talk to players or coaches for either team during matches, except to offer support, congratulations or assistance.
- Do not use abusive or profane language.
- Do not argue with officials.
- Be gracious in victory and dignified in defeat.
- Parents will not knowingly participate in or knowingly permit violation or circumvention of CJSA, US Club or USYSA rules.
- Fighting or physical violence will not be tolerated.
- The **SCOG** board will review the status of any parent who is ejected from a game.
- No consumption of alcohol, tobacco or illegal drugs at any time. This includes drinking on or near the venue as well as taking part in any game as a spectator, coach or manager under the influence.
- If you have a problem with a member of the coaching staff, please give a 48-hour cooling off period before contacting the individual concerned.
- Never make a scene in front of the team as it is embarrassing for you, your children, the coach, the team, and the program; and chances are nothing will get resolved.
- Act your age – Youth soccer is for the kids. If you find yourself becoming too emotionally involved in what is happening on the field, take a step back and relax. Remember, your childhood is over. Give the young players the freedom to enjoy themselves.
- Be seen, not heard – Nothing is better for a young player than having their parents on hand to watch them play. And nothing is worse for a player than hearing a parent booing, taunting, screaming or making comments at, or about, players, coaches, fans or officials (that includes your team as well as your opponent).
- Parents must not coach from the spectator's side during matches and training. Chances are you do not know what the coach's strategy for the game, developmental priorities for the age group or any specific instructions they may have given your child on a given day. This type of behavior only confuses the players.
- Parents are not allowed to sit/stand on the sideline with the players
- Parents are not allowed to sit/stand behind or alongside the goal
- Encourage your child to speak with the coach if there is a problem.
- Help the player to focus on the performance and not the result. Avoid the post-game analysis – Do not analyze your player's performance following every game. If you do, chances are they will avoid talking to you at all after games or worse yet, not want you at the games at all. Let your children come to you for advice. It will have more of an impact than you going to them will.
- Winning is not as important as the performance. Put winning and losing in perspective!

