



## **Chesapeake United Soccer Club Code of Conduct for Parents**

Parents are key to establishing and upholding the ethics in soccer. Their concept of ethics and their attitude directly affects the behavior of themselves, players and other parents. Parents are, therefore, expected to pay particular care to the moral aspect of their conduct. Parents have to be aware that almost all of their everyday decisions and choices of actions have ethical implications. It is natural that winning constitutes a basic concern for parents. This code is not intended to conflict with that. However, the code calls for parents to disassociate themselves from a win at-all-costs attitude. Increased responsibility is requested from parents competing at the higher levels. The health, safety, welfare and moral education of young people are a first priority, before the achievement or the reputation of the individual, club, school, coach or player. This code of conduct remains in effect for the entirety of the player's career and any further involvement at Chesapeake United Soccer Club.

1. Parents must respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person and treat each equally within the context of the sport, regardless of gender place of origin, color, sexual orientation, political belief or economic status.
2. Parents must place the well-being and safety of each player above all other considerations. Parents must never place the value of winning over the safety and welfare of the players.
3. Parents must adhere to all guidelines laid down by governing bodies, club and team coach.
4. Parents must never make negative comments toward the player or coach. Prior to approaching the coach (wait 24 hours), then address your concern with the coach after emotions have calmed down.
5. Parents must not exert undue influence to obtain personal benefit or reward.
6. Parents must accept responsibility for their own behavior and performance.
7. Parents must abstain from the use of tobacco products and alcohol while in the presence of players and during all practices and matches.
9. Parents must co-operate fully with players, coaches, officials, sports scientists, doctors, physiotherapists and sports professional in the best interests of themselves and the players.
10. Parents must always promote the positive aspects of the sport (e.g. fair play) and never condone violations of the Laws of the Game, behavior contrary to the spirit of the Laws of the Game or relevant rules and regulations or the use of prohibited substances.
11. Parents must consistently display high standards of behavior and appearance.
12. Parents will not use inappropriate language toward officials, coaches, players or other parents.
13. Parents should cheer on their team, show good sportsmanship and support the coach, team and club.

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_