



Parent's/Guardian's/Spectator's Code of Conduct

We should all be proud of how well our players do as they learn and develop. Yet, as many of you may know, inappropriate conduct by parents and other spectators has become an increasing problem for youth sports organizations.

To deal with this rising issue, we will implement this Parents'/Guardian's/Spectator's Code of Conduct which is detailed below. Blast FC Soccer Academy urges all of you to take these policies to heart so that we will all have a safe, enjoyable and successful season.

1. Applaud good plays; don't dwell on bad plays. Players play sports to have fun, make new friends, and learn new skills. Even older players wish to enjoy the sport and are hard enough on themselves.
2. Players imitate their parents. If you are disruptive or act inappropriately, your player, and possibly others, will act in a similar fashion.
3. The sidelines are not a place to shout personal instructions. Encouraging from the sidelines is appreciated, coaching from the spectator sidelines is forbidden. A good rule to follow when you cheer/yell/shout from the sidelines is, "No verbs!"
4. While we understand that some players may participate in other sports, remember that you made a commitment to your Blast FC team, and they depend on your player too. Show up to training as much as possible and please communicate with team admins about attendance for matches and events as early as possible.
5. Respect the coach's decision and abilities. Don't force your child to decide whether to listen to you or to the coach. If you are upset with the coach's decisions, please wait 24 hours before emailing, calling or speaking with the coach to allow yourself to be calm when discussing things.
6. Stress fair and sensible play. Soccer is a contact sport, let the officials determine fair or foul play.
7. Promote the long-term importance of training over the short-term excitement of matches. Training is where your player develops and learns from mistakes. Matches should be where they showcase what they have learned.
8. Promote the importance of teamwork. Soccer is a TEAM sport. There is no "I" in TEAM.
9. Never lose sight of the fact that you are a role model.
10. The other team is the opponent, not the enemy. Treat all with respect.
11. Mistakes are a part of the learning process for everyone. Positive reinforcement goes a long way. If you aren't making mistakes, you aren't challenged enough.
12. Take time to learn the rules of the match and the policies of the club and league.