



WARRIORS FC PARENTAL CODE OF CONDUCT

You play a special role in contributing to the needs and development of the children. Through encouragement and good example, you: (a) help ensure that the children learn good sportsmanship and self-discipline, (b) teach the children to work together and sacrifice for the good of the team, (c) teach them to enjoy winning and deal appropriately with defeat, all while becoming physically fit and healthy, and, best of all, (d) encourage them to have fun.

In order to support these goals, the Warriors FC have established the following guidelines:

1. **Support the children** – Support the children by giving encouragement and showing interest in their team. Teach them that hard work and an honest effort are more important than victory – that way they will be a winner despite the outcome of the game. Send them off ready to play. They should be properly fed and clothed, and they should arrive on time and be picked up on time. Report to the coach all injuries, special medical conditions (such as asthma), or extenuating circumstances (such as lack of sleep or family crisis) that may have an impact on their ability to play.
2. **Always be positive** – Serve as a role model for your children. Applaud good plays by their team, as well as good plays by the opposing team. Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse of players, coaches, managers, referees, and spectators. Treat all players, coaches, managers, officials, and spectators with respect. Do not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any officials, coaches, managers, players, or parents such as booing and taunting, or using profane language or gestures.
3. **Reinforce positive behavior** – Positive reinforcement is the best way to help the children achieve their goals and overcome their natural fear of failure. Nobody likes to make mistakes. If a child makes a mistake, remember it is part of learning, so encourage the child's effort and point out the good that can come from it.
4. **Don't be sideline coaches** – Coaches and managers are usually parents who have sacrificed their time to help make the children's soccer experience a positive one. They need your support too. Support the team, but do not instruct the players. It confuses the children and undermines the efforts of the coaches. Use positive encouragement instead. This would include such comments as, "Way to go," "Nice effort," or "Stay with it."
5. **Respect the Referee** – Treat the officials with respect; FIFA, NCSA, and the Warrior FC by-laws prohibit dissent of any type, by word or action. Respect the officials and their authority during games and never question, discuss, or confront referees at the game field. Refrain from speaking to referees unless it is to say thank you after the game. Remember that children learn acceptable behavior from the parents. If you disrespect the referees, the kids will learn to do likewise. If you have questions or concerns about the referees, relay the information to the coach after the game has ended and you have left the field. Coaches have a process for providing feedback on referees to the league. Let them deal with it.