

Parents Code of Ethics

CDSA encourages an agenda of respect - for referees, coaches, all officials and adults. We expect coaches and other adults to be respectful and to model the respect for authority, which is the cornerstone of society and of soccer. You may present a copy of this to any parent who appears disrespectful. In particular, swearing and abusive or harsh language cannot be tolerated as per Alberta Soccer Association rules. This year CDSA will be taking the appropriate steps to eliminate this behaviour. Matches may be discontinued for disrespect of referees or other officials by players, coaches and/or parents. More severe consequence will arise for any adult disrespecting any children in all age groups.

- Do not force an unwilling child to participate in sports.
- Remember children are involved in organized sports for their enjoyment, not yours
- Encourage your child always to play by the rules.
- Teach your child that honest effort is as important as victory so that the result of each game is accepted without undue disappointment.
- Turn defeat to victory by helping your child work towards skill improvement and good sportsmanship. Never ridicule or yell at your child for making a mistake or losing a competition.
- Remember that children learn best by example. Applaud good plays by your team and by members of the opposing team.
- Do not publicly question the officials' judgment and never their honesty.
- Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from children during sporting activities.
- Recognize the value and importance of volunteer coaches. They give of their time and resources to provide recreational activities for your child.

Above all, remember that whether they are six or sixteen they are all children and under no circumstances are they to be treated abusively by any adults.