

Parents Code of Conduct

Fernie Youth Soccer Association

1. I will not force my child to participate in soccer.
2. I will remember that my child plays sport for their enjoyment, not for mine.
3. I will encourage my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
4. I will teach my child that doing one's best is as important as winning and will offer praise for competing fairly and trying hard.
5. I will never ridicule or yell at my child or other children for making a mistake or losing a competition during or after the game or practise.
6. I will remember that children learn best by example. I will applaud good plays/performance by both my child's team and their opponents.
7. I will never question the officials' judgment or honesty in public.
8. I will not discriminate on the basis of gender, race, age, ethnicity, ability, sexual orientation, beliefs, religious or political affiliation.
9. I will support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from children's sporting activities.
10. I will respect and show appreciation for the volunteer coaches who give their time to provide sport activities for my child.
11. I will respect the oppositions' players, coaches and parents.
12. I will not coach my child from the sidelines, just support them positively.
13. I will adhere to the policies of the Fernie Youth Soccer Association defined on the FYSA website under "Bylaws, Policies, Guidelines and Codes of Conduct.". If I have questions or concerns with any aspect of the organized soccer in Fernie, I will raise my concerns with members of the board in the appropriate manner.
14. To ensure the protection of all children in our care, all allegations or suspicions of potentially illegal behaviour that a parent/staff/volunteer learns of must also be promptly reported to police and/or child welfare. Police and/or child welfare will make the determination as to whether the allegation or suspicion requires further investigation.
15. If I am not able to coach or assist on field with my child's team, I will look for opportunities to assist the coach or the association to sustain or improve soccer in Fernie.
16. If I am not a member of the board, I will not seek to speak on behalf of the Fernie Youth Soccer Association and ensure my opinions are clearly identified as my own.