

# VERNON UNITED FC

## PARENT/GUARDIAN EXPECTATIONS

Parent/guardian behavior is a significant factor in the success of a team and a prime reason why team/player morale declines and coaches quit.

The Vernon United program includes the expectation that parents/guardians abide by the below rules.

**1. RESPECT** – Parents/guardians will not discuss the coach in a negative manner with other parents and players. If you have a concern see the below process to deal with that concern.

*Always treat your coach and others (parents, officials and players) the same way that you would want you and your child to be treated. Set the example for your child by showing respect, dignity, and total sportsmanship at all times.*

**2. COACHING DECISIONS** - Playing time and the position your child plays on the field is a coaches decision. NOYSA's U13 & older rep team philosophy is not unlike any other sport for higher level teams that "select" players. When teams that represent an area (or secondary school) are playing in regional leagues where the focus and the outcome leads to higher competition (Provincials) the team success and player success become synonymous. Unless a team is blessed with a roster of 18 players with equal abilities, the team that focuses on equal playing time when engaging in competition with teams that are playing for the win, will struggle to maintain a level of team success. Loss of team success usually foreshadows the loss of commitment from players. Coaches should endeavour to provide equal playing time when opportunity allows.

**3. OFFICIALS CALL** – Parents/guardians **will not EVER question the officials call.** NOYSA has a ZERO tolerance for referee abuse. **AS PER BC SOCCER RULES PARENTS MAY BE FINED UP TO \$100 AND SUSPENDED FROM ATTENDING GAMES/PRACTICES FOR REFEREE ABUSE OR ANY OTHER ABUSE DURING NOYSA FUNCTIONS.**

**4. SPORTS ENVIRONMENT** – Parents/guardians must refrain from the use of drugs, tobacco and alcohol at or in the proximity of the playing field.

### VERNON UNITED FC PROCESS FOR CONCERNS & COMPLAINTS

Parent's occasionally disagree with the decisions of the coach – if you find yourself in that type of a situation below is the process to bring your concern forward:

1. **NEVER** discuss any problems or complaints just before, during or right after a game or practice. Go home and wait 24 hours and then email a factual, non-emotional account of your concern to the coach. Do not call your coach on the phone.
2. If you cannot resolve the concern then email the NOYSA TD at noysatd@gmail.com for clarification or assistance. All concerns will be kept confidential.
3. Set up a joint meeting with Club officials to discuss the problem.

**Failure to respect the above rules may be subject to disciplinary action that could include, but is not limited to the following:**

- ❖ Verbal warning by staff or league executive member.
  - ❖ Written warning from the NOYSA office.
  - ❖ Parental game suspension with written documentation of incident kept on file at the NOYSA office.
  - ❖ Parental season suspension.
  - ❖ Up to \$100 fine.
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