

## Lake Highlands Soccer Association Parents/Spectator Code of Conduct

1. I will not force my child to participate in sports and understand that not every sport is for every child.
2. I will remember that children participate to have fun and that the game is for the players and I will act accordingly.
3. I will, and I will encourage my child, to learn and abide by the Laws of the Game and applicable league rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility, violence or other behaviors that could endanger the health or well being of other players or persons.
4. I (and my guests) will be a positive role model for my child and encourage sportsmanship by demonstrating respect and positive support for all players, coaches, officials and spectators at games and practices.
5. I (and my guests) will not engage in unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player, or parent, such as using profane or derogatory language, gestures or actions or refusing typical pre- or post-game courtesies with opposing teams or coaches.
6. I will not undertake, and will not encourage, any behavior from parents or children at games or practices that would endanger the health and well-being of the players.
7. I will, and I will demand that my child, treat all players, coaches, officials and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, color, gender or abilities.
8. I will teach my child that doing one's best is more important than winning and I will act accordingly.
9. I will never ridicule, berate or demean any player for making a mistake or for losing a competition.
10. I will respect the officials and their authority before, during and after games and will address grievances only in the manner provided by the applicable league playing rules and procedures. If I have a disagreement with a referee decision, I will defer to the officially rostered coach to deal with those and not take matters into my own hands by singling out the referees, charging the field, or other confrontational conduct or words.
11. I will demand a sports environment for my child that is free from drugs, tobacco and alcohol and I will refrain from their use at all sports events.
12. I will respect the officially rostered coaches of the team to provide all coaching instructions during games and practices. As an officially rostered coach of a team, I will coach only in a positive manner and without constant instructions from the sidelines.
13. I will be aware at practices and games of persons who are not parents (or their guests) and will try to be attentive to small children and will report suspicious actions or persons to the police.
14. I understand that failure to abide by this Code of Conduct may subject the violator to sanctions and disciplinary actions by LHSA.