

FMWFSL Parent Code of Conduct

Parents are required to exhibit the highest standards of sportsmanship and proper behavior. Additionally, parents will be supportive of the coaches and be respectful of the officials, referees, managers, field representatives, and others involved with conducting or sponsoring games and practices.

Toward this end, the parent code will be as follows:

- **COMPLIANCE WITH SOCCER LEAGUE HANDBOOK** - The parent or parents and guardian of a soccer participant shall comply with and abide by the rules and regulations of the organization outlined in the handbook, as amended, from time to time.
- **NO CONTACT WITH COACHES REGARDING COACHING ISSUES** - There is a "24 hour Cooling Off Period" a parent or guardian must wait before they contact a team coach about any coaching situation. Contacts with coaches by parents or guardians during the "24 hour Cooling Off Period" shall be limited to non-coaching issues. Except at the invitation and in the presence of a neutral team or club representative, no parent or guardian of a soccer participant shall have any contact (whether in person, in writing, or otherwise) with the coaches of the organization that in any manner pertains to or concerns coaching matters or issues, such as playing time, positions, strategies, offenses, defenses, fouls, or any other similar matters. (Any concerns, complaints, or other comments regarding coaching matters or issues shall be first privately addressed with the team manager of the respective team.) If the issue cannot be resolved with the assistance of the team manager, the matter shall be presented to the Board of Directors for the Club who oversees the coach at issue.
SANCTIONS FOR VIOLATION OF PARENT CODE - Upon a claimed violation of the parent code, the Board may elect to investigate the claimed violation. If the Board determines, in its sole and exclusive discretion, that a violation has occurred, the Board may impose sanctions ranging from a written warning, a temporary suspension, or expulsion from the organization. The Board's decision regarding sanctions shall be final and not subject to appeal or other reconsideration.
- **PARENTS/SPECTATORS** - The game will be stopped by the officials when the parents/spectators displaying inappropriate and disruptive behavior interfere with other spectators or the game. The officials will identify violators to the coaches for the purpose of removing parents/spectators from the sideline and/or game area. Once removed, play will resume. Lost time will not be replaced and violators may be subject to further disciplinary action by the local governing body. This inappropriate and disruptive behavior shall include:
 - Use of obscene or vulgar language in a boisterous manner to anyone at any time.
 - Taunting of players, coaches, officials or other spectators by means of baiting, ridiculing, threat of physical violence or physical violence.
 - Throwing of any object on the sideline, players' bench, field, or any other areas which may create a safety hazard.