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## Viking Youth Soccer Association

### Parent Code of Conduct

Soccer is a wonderful sport and a passionate game. We should always remember our attitude is contagious. The referees, the players, the coaches and the fans should come together to match wits and skills. The other team is our opponent not our enemy and thus should be treated with respect.

While winning is important, playing well and fairly is the essence of the game.

I/we will set a good example to my/our child in his soccer development by adhering at all times to the following:

- We will not criticize the referee openly or directly ... during or after games. Any criticism shall be done in writing (to my club), not verbally.
- We will only give positive feedback to players.
- We will cheer at all games within the spirit of fair play and shall do our best to cheer the effort regardless of the outcome. We will be mindful in "lopsided" games where cheering our own "winning" team might be misunderstood.
- We shall do our best to teach our players to become students of the game.
- We shall find the "little successes" that our children have during each match.
- We shall show the quality of our sportsmanship during and after each and every match and help our child remember to thank the referee after the match without regard to the result.
- We shall do our very best to have our child prepared for every match.
- We will accompany our child/children to as many orientation and informational meetings as possible.
- We will accept the authority of the coach to demonstrate strategy and player selection.
- We will work closely with all program personnel to guarantee academic as well as athletic experiences for my child-athlete.
- We shall support the learning effort of the players, coaches, and the referees by demonstrating our patience.
- We will avoid the use of tobacco and refrain from being under the influence of alcohol during practices or contests.
- We understand that improper behavior at a match may result in a parent being asked to leave the field by the referee, or a club official so the coach does not receive a yellow card caution or even a red card ejection due to the actions of the parent spectator.
- We shall leave the coaching to the coach during match. We shall do our best not to give our child instructions during the match. We understand that (upon review) VYSA can, and will if necessary, suspend our individual privilege to watch our child play should we behave in a manner that is rude or otherwise offensive.
- We agree to do our best to have as much fun watching the game as the players should have playing the game.
- Parents must remain on the sidelines, opposite of the team bench. This includes not standing behind the goal.
- Use appropriate language at all times.

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- Parents are not allowed to leave their child unattended at a tournament unless there is written consent for the child to stay with another family.
- Weather can change quickly. We are responsible for picking up our child timely due to inclement weather.
- We are responsible for telling coaches as soon as possible if the player can't make practice or a tournament.

**Athlete Code of Conduct**

I agree to...

- 1) Attend every practice and contest, unless I inform the coach in advance of my absence.
- 2) Give support and show respect to my teammates.
- 3) Emphasize academics and family over athletics.
- 4) Express myself intelligently and appropriately
- 5) Work hard, giving my best effort during each practice.
- 6) Practice sportsmanship at all times.
- 7) Strive to be a positive influence in the way I talk and listen to my teammates, parents, and coaches.
- 8) Show respect for all game officials, and not challenge their authority.
- 9) Use appropriate language at all times.

If I do not follow the above code of conduct, I may face disciplinary action. This may include removal from the team and/or association.

Signature of Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Athlete \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_