

## Meyerland Soccer at The ERJCC

### Parents Code of Ethics

- I hereby pledge to provide positive support, care, and encouragement for my child participating in youth sports by following this Parents' Code of Ethics Pledge:
- I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, and officials at every game and practice.
- I will place the emotional and physical well being of my child ahead of a personal desire to win.
- I will insist that my child play in a safe and healthy environment.
- I will support coaches, officials, and league administration working with my child, in order to encourage a positive and enjoyable experience for all.
- I will demand a sports environment for my child that is free of drugs, tobacco, and alcohol and will refrain from their use at all practices and games.
- I will remember that the game is for youth – not adults.
- I will do my very best to make youth sports fun for my child.
- I will ask my child to treat other players, coaches, fans, and officials with respect regardless of race, sex, creed, or ability and I will lead by example.
- I will speak to my coach only by phone or e-mail and not during games nor in front of children, mine or others.

Parents who do not follow the Code of Ethics will be subject to a Corrective Action Policy. It is our philosophy that parents' actions should not spoil the experience of participation in youth sports for the children.

For violations of the Code of Ethics or Responsibilities and Expectations, the following steps will be followed:

Step 1 – Verbal Warning – Coach will discuss undesirable conduct with parent(s) and stress that this behavior will not be tolerated. Coach will document this conversation and give to league administrator.

Step 2 – Written Warning – Coach or official will notify the league administrator of continued breach of Code of Ethics and league administrator will bring parent(s) in for a meeting to discuss actions and what the proper behavior is.

Step 3 – Game Suspension – The ERJCC will ban the parent from attending the next scheduled contest and another letter will be given to parent(s) stating that the next offense will lead to parent being banned from all future contests.

Step 4 – Season Suspension The parent(s) will be banned from attending all league contests after a 4th offense. The parent(s) will then have to meet with the League Supervisor prior to the start of the season to determine if the parent(s) is capable of behaving within the spirit and letter of the guidelines of this program.

These guidelines are not absolute in dealing with behavioral problems. Severe situations could merit harsher sanctions against the parent(s).

Signature(s):

Print Name(s):

Date: