



Parent/Spectator Responsibilities and Agreement

Fall Season 2008

Thank you for being a part of the Cincinnati Hills SAY recreational soccer organization. As a parent/spectator, your involvement in the soccer experience is not only important, but has a tremendous impact in determining the type of experience all participants have on the field. As such, we have developed some key responsibilities which we need you to understand and embrace as you begin your own soccer experience.

Responsibilities of the Parent/Spectator:

- **Understand the role of recreational soccer.** It is all about skills development (mental and physical), healthy competition and a lot of fun. If a player has a great time, learns a lot and wants to come back, we have all been successful.
- **Make the effort to get to know the rules of the game** – especially the Laws associated with off-sides, handling and fouls/misconduct. Understanding the Laws of the game avoids confusion and conflict.
- **Set an example by demonstrating the highest standards of sportsmanship at all times.** Refrain from foul language and verbal abuse of players, coaches, referees, opponents or spectators.
- **Actively participate in the games.** Watch, cheer and support the efforts of all players.
- **Maintain a professional and respectful relationship with your child's coaches.** Never confront a head coach or assistant coach during or immediately after a game. Wait for a 24 hour "cooling off" period and then contact the coach to discuss your concerns. Avoid "reply all" email chains when you have concerns. Deal with the coach directly.
- **Avoid criticizing coaches and officials.** Remember that everyone is doing their best to provide your child with a positive soccer experience.
- **Do not coach or instruct players during practices or games.** This is the coach's responsibility.
- **Be on time for both practices and games.** Unless otherwise instructed, players should be at practice at least 5 minutes prior to the start time and 20 minutes prior to game time.
- **Come to practices prepared with the correct soccer equipment** - shin guards, soccer cleats and a water bottle.
- **Casts of any type are not permitted on the field.** Your child will not be permitted to participate in practices or games while in a cast – no exceptions.
- **Bandage-covered pierced ears are not permitted on the field.** Your child will not be permitted to play – no exceptions.
- **Get involved with your local soccer organization.** Contact us and let us know how you would like to help.
- **Have fun!**

I have read and understand the Cincinnati Hills SAY Soccer parent/spectator responsibilities:

Parent Signature

Date:

Please visit our website at cincinnatihillssaysoccer.org to learn more about the Laws of the Game and our soccer organization.

Member Districts: Deer Park, Eastgate, Fairfax, Indian Hill, Madeira, Mariemont, Terrace Park