

## **BCYSC PARENT/SPECTATOR CODE OF CONDUCT**

Youth sports are supposed to be fun – for the children. Actions by parents, fans and coaches, whether verbal or nonverbal, can have a lasting emotional effect on children. Too many of today's youth are leaving sports activities because the fun is unfairly taken away by adults. The Bay City Youth Soccer Club (BCYSC) strongly believes the essential elements of character-building and ethics in sports are embodied in the concept of sportsmanship and six core principles: Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring and Good Citizenship. As a parent or guardian of a player in BCYSC, your actions reflect not only on you, but your child, his/her team and the club.

As a parent/spectator in BCYSC, you agree to abide by and follow the rules and guidelines below:

1. I will adhere to all Brazosport Youth Soccer Association (BYSA), South Texas Youth Soccer (STYSA), Bay City Youth Soccer Club (BCYSC) and The City of Bay City's Rules and Regulations.
2. I will adhere to the Zero Tolerance Policy with respect to drugs, alcohol and weapons. I will never be under the influence of or in possession of drugs, alcohol, or weapons of any kind at practices, games, trips or other events.
3. I understand that the use of foul language towards anyone (coaches, teammates, officials, opponents or spectators) will not be tolerated. I will not engage in any language or actions with the intent to initiate, hurt, intimidate or humiliate any player, coach, official or spectator. I will not tolerate these acts from any players, coaches or adults associated with BCYSC. These acts shall be considered harassment and will result in the immediate removal from the practice, game or event.
4. I will not post on any social media site with the intent to initiate, hurt, intimidate or humiliate any player, coach, official or spectator. The posting of negative, demeaning or derogatory comments will not be tolerated. These acts shall be considered harassment and may result in the immediate removal from the club. Furthermore, if I see anything of concern from or about an official, another Snohomish coach, player or club member on a social media site, I will immediately contact my child's coach or the BCYSC Board. As a parent, I understand that I am accountable for the actions of my child on social media sites. I will stress to my child the importance of proper conduct on these sites and provide parental oversight to prevent any type of cyber-bullying by my child.
5. I (and my guests) will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player or parent such as booing, taunting or using profane language or gestures. I will maintain self-control at games, practices and other club events.
6. I (and my guests) will adhere to the spectator seating etiquette as posted on the BCYSC website ([www.bcyssc.org](http://www.bcyssc.org)).
7. I (and my guests) will be a positive role model for my child and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and demonstrate positive support for all players, coaches, officials and spectators at every game, practice or event.
8. I will not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and wellbeing of the athletes.
9. I will encourage my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence. I will demand that my child treat all players, coaches, officials and spectators with respect.
10. I will praise my child for playing hard, competing fairly.

11. I will never ridicule or yell at my child or other participant for making a mistake or losing a game.
12. I will not complain or become confrontational about penalties or calls made by the officials and I will respect the referees and their decisions at all times.
13. I will support the coaches allow them to do their job by not coaching my child or other players during games and practices. I will not openly question or confront coaches before, during or after games or practices. I will take the time to speak with coaches about any concerns calmly, privately and at an agreed upon time and place.
14. I will not force my child to participate in soccer.
15. I will promote the emotional and physical wellbeing of the athletes ahead of any personal desire I have for my child or his/her team to win.
16. I will inform the coach of any physical disability, illness or injury that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others.

I understand that if I violate this Code of Conduct, I may be subject to disciplinary action that could include, but not limited to, the following:

1. Verbal warning by Head Coach and/or BCYSC Soccer Board;
2. Formal Disciplinary and Protest Hearing;
3. Parental/spectator game suspension;
4. Parental/spectator season suspension;
5. Parental/spectator suspension from all future BCYSC games (home or away), practices and events.