

PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT

Dakota United Soccer Club asks that you conduct yourselves in a manner outlined by the following Code of Conduct:

- Focus on praise and encouragement rather than on criticism and negative comments.
- Applaud good play, regardless of the team. Nothing is better than seeing a child smile from recognition. Encourage fair play and good sportsmanship.
- Attempt to reduce the pressure of competition, not increase it. A child is easily affected by outside influences. Parents should remember this is a “learning experience” for players and support this experience.
- Be kind and respectful to coaches. Parents need to support the coach and his/her decisions and refrain from verbal criticism.
- Do not publicly question the referee’s judgment. Please remember, many of these referees are young adults learning how to referee the game, so please treat them with respect. They are there to do an honest job which few others are willing to undertake.
- NEVER enter the field to speak with a referee. Speak to your coach or a club official at another time if you have a concern.
- No parent is to coach or attempt to coach their child (or any other players) during competition. Refrain from talking to players during games. The players need to concentrate on the game and listen to their coach.
- Accept the results of the game. Encourage your child to be a good sport in victory and in defeat. Many times, a player will not remember the results of a game an hour later but they will remember how they felt because of their own (and your) actions.
- Only sit in designated areas around the fields. Sitting along either end line or with the coaches and players is not allowed. This is for your own safety and the safety of the players.
- Treat other fans, coaches, players, and officials with respect, regardless of race, sex, or ability.
- Drinking, smoking, foul language and firearms are not allowed around the fields during games or practices.

Violations of the Code of Conduct are taken seriously and Dakota United Soccer Club reserves the right to remove any person from the fields as well as sanction any person, in each case, found by the Executive Director and/or Club Administration, in his or their sole discretion, to have violated this code.