

# ELITE Soccer Parent Contract

The parents' role is one of support to the players and coaches. Parents should not engage in "coaching" from the sidelines, criticizing players, coaches or game officials or trying to influence the makeup of the team at any time. Every parent and spectator is expected to:

1. Learn and respect the FIFA rules of soccer and the rules of ELITE Soccer and Newark Soccer Club
2. Show respect and courtesy to game officials, coaches, and players at all times.
3. Respect the game officials and refrain from questioning their decisions or from addressing them in a loud, disrespectful, or abusive manner.
4. Parents are expected to have their players be prompt and prepared with gear/uniforms and water at practices and games.
5. Cheer for your child's team in a positive manner, refraining at all times from making negative or abusive remarks about the opposing team.
6. Maintain control of your emotions and avoid actions, language, and/or gestures that may be interpreted as hostile and humiliating.

I understand I am only to cheer the team on as encouragement only. I will not at any time yell out instructions or call out a player's name to instruct them during a game or practice. Some examples of instruction would be: "pass the ball", "shoot", "go to space", "pass-back", "look for Derek", "head it", "mark-up", "cross it", "keep dribbling", "go to the net", "pass it to Cindy". \_\_\_\_\_ Initial

Examples of appropriate cheering are: "nice pass Tina", "great shot", "good move", "unlucky bounce", "great tackle Steve", "great teamwork girls", "good job defense", "good throw", "go team".

7. Ensure that your child is at all games and practices at the required time or provide the coach with an appropriate excuse beforehand.

I understand that the NSC organization does not wish to discourage players from participating in other sports or activities during the **2015** season. However, The financial obligation (player fee) is not adjusted and attendance and participation at practices and games are still mandatory. Excused absences are: Player injury, illness, family emergency or religious conflict. You must notify the head coach or team manager prior to practice or games. It is the desire of NSC to work with dedicated **soccer** players to help them attain the highest level of play possible. This cannot be accomplished if there are absences from practices or games. If there is a problem in getting to a practice or a game, parents must advise the coach know well in advance.

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8. Demonstrate appropriate gestures of sportsmanship at the conclusion of a game, win or lose.
9. Teach and practice good sportsmanship and fair play by personally demonstrating commitment to these virtues.
10. Continuously remind your player that inappropriate language will not be tolerated at any time
11. Parents serve as role models for their children. Become aware of this and work to be a positive role model. Applaud good plays by your child's team as well as good plays by the opposing team. Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from youth sports activities.
12. Reinforce Positive Behavior - Positive reinforcement is the best way to help your child achieve their goals and their natural fear of failure. Nobody likes to make mistakes. If your child does make one, remember it's all part of learning, so encourage your child's efforts and point out the good things your child accomplished.

13. Don't Be a Sideline Coach or Referee - Coaches and referees are usually parents just like you. They take courses and bear the financial cost to do so as a volunteer on most cases; to help make your child's youth soccer experiences a positive one. They need your support too. That means refraining from coaching or refereeing from the sidelines. As a volunteer organization, there's usually always an opportunity for you to take your interest in coaching or refereeing to the next level and become one yourself.

At no time will I participate in a practice or help direct a practice or game without the permission of the head coach. \_\_\_\_\_ Initial

14. If my conduct at any ELITE Soccer function or game is inappropriate or reflects negatively on the team or Club, I may be asked to leave by the head coach or assistant coach. If I refuse, the Club may take further action up to Police Official escort. I will treat all referees with the utmost respect regardless of their perceived competence or experience. I will display the highest level of sportsmanship at all team activities. I will respect the opposing team's players, coaches, staff and spectators. Parents who do not follow this code of conduct will be subject to disciplinary action, including possible player dismissal from the team.
15. Playing Time is at the discretion of the coach and is based on the following: absence, tardiness, attitude and skill set. In competitive there is no set time obligated time. But the coaches have the obligation to tell you why they are not getting the time.
16. If you think that the coach is showing poor conduct and is negatively affecting the team/player and/or Elite Soccer or if the team is not progressing at the pace or expectations of the parents, then we as parents are encouraged to discuss it with the coach first. If the problem persists, then parents should follow the below protocol:
- a. **Competitive Director: Ryan Medrano**
  - b. **VP: Oscar Lopez**
  - c. **President: Brian Greenlee**
  - d. **BOD Meeting – Scheduled posted on Website.**
17. I understand that we are expected to be prompt and prepared with gear/uniforms and water at practices and games.
18. Please sign and turn in at the concession stand prior to the first game. By signing you agree to and will abide by the above rules at all times while

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Date Parent/Guardian #1 Signature

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Date Parent/Guardian #2 Signature