

Section 6.01 Parent's Code of Conduct

(a) Parents are encouraged to participate as supporters and assistants. Positive support of the players (and coaches) is welcome and appreciated. Open criticism of players, coaches or officials should be avoided; it has the effect of lowering morale, and fostering negative attitudes and behaviour on the part of players.

(i) Remember children play for their enjoyment, not yours.

(ii) Encourage your child to play by the rules of the game.

(iii) Show your appreciation of volunteer coaches.

(iv) Show respect towards the officials and understand that at this level everyone is learning.

(v) Never ridicule or yell at any child for making a mistake or losing a game.

(vi) Turn defeat into victory by emphasizing the value of honest effort, skill improvement and fair play.

(vii) As spectators, applaud all good plays, both for your team and your opponents.

(viii) Actions speak louder than words. Make sure your behaviour sets a good example.

(ix) Support all efforts to remove violence from children's sport.

(x) Referee abuse is not an acceptable behaviour.

(xi) Parents are responsible for the delivery and pick-up of their children.

Section 6.02 The Role and Scope of the Parent

- (a) First of all please read and understand the code of conduct for the NPSL. You are your child's biggest supporter.
- (b) Each player is to wear the following;
 - (i) *Soccer shoes (no metal cleats)*
 - (ii) *Shin guards*
 - (iii) *Uniform as outlined by your club*
- (c) Each player is not allowed to wear the following;
 - (i) *Piercings of any kind should be removed. Taping of piercings will not always protect from injury, and therefore is not a recommended solution by the NPSL.*
 - (ii) *Jewelry of any kind, unless it is a medical alert, should not be worn.*
 - (iii) *Hard peaked hats (baseball caps) – refer to league rules for more info.*
 - (iv) *Any braces or any medical wraps containing any metal or sharp objects should not be worn.*
 - (v) *Any zippered clothing unless covered.*
 - (vi) *Glasses unless they are prescription – refer to league rules for more info.*
- (d) You should send your child with the following (depending on the circumstances)
 - (i) *Water within a clearly labeled container so that they know it is theirs.*
 - (ii) *Sun screen.*
 - (iii) *Proper outerwear for sitting on the sidelines.*
 - (iv) *Proper uniform and equipment for playing on the field.*
 - (v) *A club may require each player to bring their own ball.*
- (e) If dropping you child off, please let the coach know before leaving. This should be done in a face to face contact, not through your child, as you need to know when to be back to pick up your kid. Please refer to your club's guidelines for further details.
- (f) Be sure you and your child remove your garbage from the field and its surrounding area.
- (g) The NPSL is aiming to start up a league site for 2011; please refer to it for updates and further info. Your club and coach will be posting items regularly on the site.
- (h) Please check with your coach as to where they want you to sit for the game. Some coaches wish to have the parents away from the team bench. If you have an issue with the coach's decision, respect it, and discuss it with the club contact before making it an issue.