



Ocean Township United Soccer Association

Parent Code of Conduct

The parental role is one of support to the team, players and coaches. A coach is defined as a volunteer parent manager, volunteer coach or paid trainer (junior or senior grade) unless otherwise specified in the Coaches Code of Conduct.

Parents and spectators are expected to follow the following Code of Conduct:

1. Learn and respect the rules of soccer and the rules of OTUSA.
2. Respect the OTUSA 24 Hour Cooling Off period, by not contacting a coach until 24 hours after a game or practice.
3. There is a zero tolerance with respect to abusive or profane language or language that is derogatory or that could be taken as insulting, degrading, or humiliating at any time.
4. Parents should refrain from questioning coaching decisions at the field or at home. Those questions should be handled in respectful fashion with the coach off the field after 24 hours.
5. Do not speak negatively about coaches, officials or teammates in the presences of your child on the field or at home.
6. Cheer for your child's team in a positive manner, refraining from making negative or abusive remarks about the opposing team. Or officiating.
7. Ensure that your child is at all games and practices at the required time or notify the coach beforehand.
8. Demonstrate appropriate gestures of sportsmanship at the conclusion of a game, win or lose.
9. Supporting your child by giving encouragement and showing interest in their team is very important. Help your child work toward skill improvement and good sportsmanship in every game. Teach your child that hard work and an honest effort are important aspects of being a good player and teammate.
10. Parents serve as role models for their children. Applaud good plays by your child and all players on the team. Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from youth sports activities.
11. Don't Be a Sideline Coach or Referee - Coaches and referees are usually parents just like you. They dedicate their time 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.
12. If a player wants additional or personal training sessions from an OTUSA trainer, they must contact the OTUSA Board for approval prior to the training.
13. Players require OTUSA permission to play outside of the Club while carded to play for OTUSA at any time during the soccer year (August 1st to July 31st).
14. Parents cannot subvert OTUSA rules, policy or make any effort that undermines a team or Club at any time.
15. Any questions or concerns a parent is not comfortable addressing with the coach should be addressed by the OTUSA Board via email (board@oceansoccer.com).

By signing or registering your child to participate in OTUSA, you agree to and will abide by the above rules at all times while being a member of the OTUSA Club. Failure to abide by these rules will require appropriate action by the OTUSA Board.

Date

Parent/Guardian #1 Signature

Print Name

Date

Parent/Guardian #2 Signature

Print Name