

SOCCER SPORTSMANSHIP COMMITMENT

Coaches

- Put fun ahead of winning.
- Be a living example of sportsmanship and fair play.
- Always be prepared for practices and games.
- Rotate your players through all positions over the course of the year.
- Make participation fun.
- Be sure your players play at least half of every game.
- Maintain a positive approach at all times.
- Maintain and enhance players' self-esteem at all times.
- Respect the referees at all times.
- Assume responsibility for parents' behavior.
- Fulfill training requirements.

Players

- Soccer is a team sport. You can best contribute to the success of the team by learning the fundamentals and playing unselfishly.
- Success is measured as much by improvement as by the score.
- Applaud and encourage your teammates at every opportunity.
- Contact your coach in advance if you will be late or absent from a game or practice.
- Arrive on time for practice and 15 minutes before games.
- Practice ball handling techniques daily at home.
- Absolutely no negative comments to the referees.

Parents

- Children need positive role models. They are very much aware of how we behave in different situations (winning and losing).
- Attempt to relieve the pressure of competition, not increase it. A child is easily affected by outside influences.
- Be supportive of the coach. The coach is a volunteer giving up personal time to provide a recreational activity for your child.
- The opponents are necessary friends. Without them your child could not participate.
- Applaud good plays by our team and by members of the opposing team.
- Do not openly question an official's judgment and honesty. Officials are symbols of fair play, integrity and sportsmanship. Hostile criticism of referees is not tolerated.
- Accept the results of each game. Encourage your child to be gracious in victory, and to turn defeat into victory by working towards improvement.
- Let the coach do the coaching. Yelling instructions, though well intended, usually only confuses your child.
- Offer to help coaches whenever possible - assistance in "keeping things organized", shagging balls, etc. really helps.

By signing below, I agree to fulfill the Soccer Sportsmanship Commitment as outlined by the Green Bay Strikers Soccer Club. I understand that the Soccer Board has the right to temporarily suspend or to terminate any coach, player or parent for failure to fulfill these commitments.

Signature: _____