

## 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.
- Abide by the Bay-Lakes Coaches Code of Ethics and Behavior.

### *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.
- Absolutely no negative comments to the referees.
- Abide by the Bay-Lakes Players Code of Ethics and Behavior.

### *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.

1-I agree to abide by 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.

2-I will read the "Heads Up Concussion Information Sheet".

3-We hereby agree that the Soccer Association for Youth (SAY), it's members, coaches and officers shall not be liable for any injury or loss that my child may sustain while participating in activities of any kind whether sponsored by or under the supervision of SAY and we agree to indemnify and hold harmless SAY, it's members, coaches, officers or designates of any kind from any claim whatsoever. We also hereby authorize the named person to participate in any activities of the Soccer Association for Youth and the Green Bay Strikers. We also give permission for emergency medical treatment of this child for illness or accident if we cannot first be contacted.