



Whatcom County Youth Soccer Association

PARENT PLEDGE

PLEASE READ, INITIAL EACH ITEM, SIGN AT THE END, AND RETURN TO THE COACH.

1. I UNDERSTAND THAT IT IS EMBARRASSING FOR MY CHILD TO BE LATE TO A GAME OR PRACTICE AND THAT I AM PUTTING THEM AT PHYSICAL RISK BY NOT PROVIDING ADEQUATE WARM UP. I PLEDGE TO BE ON TIME OR EARLY WHEN DROPPING OFF AND PICKING UP MY CHILD FOR PRACTICE AND GAMES. THIS SHOWS RESPECT FOR THE COACH, WHO HAS OTHER TIME COMMITMENTS, AND IT TELLS MY CHILD THAT THEY ARE MY TOP PRIORITY. _____
2. I UNDERSTAND THAT THE TOP THREE REASONS THAT KIDS PLAY SPORTS IS TO HAVE FUN, MAKE NEW FRIENDS AND LEARN NEW SKILLS. I UNDERSTAND THAT THE GAME IS FOR THE KIDS, AND THAT I WILL ENCOURAGE MY CHILD TO HAVE FUN AND KEEP SPORT IN ITS PROPER PERSPECTIVE. I UNDERSTAND THAT ATHLETES DO THEIR BEST WHEN THEY ARE EMOTIONALLY HEALTHY, SO I WILL BE POSITIVE AND SUPPORTIVE. _____
3. I WILL REDEFINE WHAT IT IS TO BE A "WINNER" IN MY CONVERSATIONS WITH MY CHILD. A WINNER IS SOMEONE WHO MAKES MAXIMUM EFFORT, CONTINUES TO LEARN AND IMPROVE, AND DOES NOT LET MISTAKES, OR FEAR OF MAKING MISTAKES, STOP THEM. I UNDERSTAND THAT MISTAKES ARE AN INEVITABLE PART OF ANY GAME AND THAT PEOPLE LEARN FROM THEIR MISTAKES. I UNDERSTAND THAT ALL CHILDREN ARE BORN WITH DIFFERENT ABILITIES AND THAT THE TRUE MEASURE IS NOT HOW MY CHILD COMPARES TO OTHERS BUT HOW HE/SHE IS DOING IN COMPARISON TO HIS/HER BEST SELF. _____
4. I WILL "HONOR THE GAME." I UNDERSTAND THE IMPORTANCE OF SETTING A GOOD EXAMPLE OF SPORTSMANSHIP TO MY CHILD. NO MATTER WHAT OTHERS MAY DO, I WILL SHOW RESPECT FOR ALL INVOLVED IN THE GAME INCLUDING COACHES, PLAYERS OPPONENTS, OPPOSING FANS, AND REFEREES. I UNDERSTAND THAT OFFICIALS, COACHES, AND PLAYERS MAKE MISTAKES. IF THE REFEREE MAKES A "QUESTIONABLE" CALL, I WILL CONTINUE TO RESPECT THE INDIVIDUAL AND BE SILENT! _____
5. I UNDERSTAND THAT GAMES CAN BE EXCITING TIMES FOR MY CHILD WHO IS TRYING TO DEAL WITH THE FAST-PACED ACTION OF THE GAME, RESPOND TO OPPONENTS, REFEREES, TEAMMATES AND LISTEN TO THE COACHES. I WILL NOT ADD CONFUSION BY YELLING OUT INSTRUCTIONS. DURING THE GAME, I WILL LIMIT MY COMMENTS TO ENCOURAGING MY CHILD AND OTHER PLAYERS FOR BOTH TEAMS. _____
6. I WILL NOT MAKE NEGATIVE COMMENTS ABOUT THE GAME, COACHES, REFEREES OR TEAMMATES IN MY CHILD'S PRESENCE. I UNDERSTAND THAT THIS PLANTS A SEED, WHICH CAN NEGATIVELY INFLUENCE MY CHILD'S MOTIVATION AND OVERALL EXPERIENCE. _____

I AGREE TO HONOR THE WCYSA PARENT PLEDGE IN MY WORDS AND ACTIONS.

PARENT SIGNATURE

PRINT CHILD'S NAME