

# Prettyboy Recreation Soccer Program

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## Coaches, Parents, and Players Code of Conduct

The Prettyboy Recreation and Parks Council Soccer Program offer outdoor soccer programs for the benefit of children and all participants involved in our programs. As a community, we believe that our coaches, parents, and players should adhere to the highest ethical standards of fair play and sportsmanship.

Prettyboy has developed this "Coaches, Parents, and Players Code of Conduct" to promote and provide a positive experience that encourages players to win while also learning important life lessons and developing positive character traits.

### As a Coach, Parent or Player...

- ❖ I will promote the philosophy of good sportsmanship and that recreation is fun. I will put the best interests of the entire program ahead of individual desires.
- ❖ I will treat all participants with respect and avoid negative criticism, giving only positive encouragement and directions to all players (including opposing teams) during games.
- ❖ I will always play by the rules and respect the game officials and their authority.
- ❖ I will never use profanity, abusive language, or threatening behavior towards any player, parent, coach, opponent, or official.
- ❖ I will not use tobacco, alcohol, or drugs during any recreation program.
- ❖ I will not in any way participate in discrimination on the basis of race, color, sex, sexual orientation, age, religion, national origin, socio-economic status, psychiatric or psychological impairment or physical disability

### As a Coach...

- ❖ I will teach all players the skills of the game, the values of teamwork, and the meaning of good sportsmanship.
- ❖ I will see that "all kids play" regardless of skill level.
- ❖ I will communicate with the parents on my team, allow them to give me feedback, solicit their active support, and inform them of all team rules, practices, and games.
- ❖ I will never knowingly permit an injured player to return to the game without proper medical attention.

### As a Parent...

- ❖ I will provide support for all coaches and leaders working with my child to provide a positive and enjoyable experience for all involved.
- ❖ I will know my child's schedule- Practice & Game dates, times and locations.
- ❖ I will place the emotional and physical well-being of my child ahead of any personal desire to succeed.

### As a Player...

- ❖ I will not engage in disruptive behavior, willful disobedience, or persistent defiance of authority.
- ❖ I will not engage in any physical or verbal confrontation with teammates, coaches, authoritative figures, competitors, or participants.
- ❖ I will exercise self-control and honor my obligations and promises.

By signing this form, I hereby swear and affirm that I have not been convicted of, nor are charges pending for, any crimes that would make me ineligible to volunteer with children; and, I agree to abide by these guidelines.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_