

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PARENTS AND SPECTATORS

Parents and spectators have a great influence on children's enjoyment and success in football. Children play football first and foremost because they love playing. Hanwell Town Soccer School is dedicated to nurturing that enjoyment and enthusiasm for the game as a foundation for developing the skills and tactical abilities of each child. We believe that taking part in club activities contributes to each child's personal development and self-esteem. This is more important than winning football matches. All of our teams play to win, but not at any cost. It is important that children play games in the right spirit and in a supportive atmosphere which allows them to play to the best of their abilities.

In order to achieve this result we rely heavily on the parents and supporters who attend matches to behave in an appropriate manner and to give their support in the right way. We therefore require all parents and supporters who attend Hanwell Town Soccer School matches to read, understand, and sign a copy of this code of conduct, and to abide by it at all relevant times.

Obligations towards the team:

Parents and Spectators should:

1. Encourage all members of the team by applauding good play (not just goals scored)
2. Show understanding when players make mistakes or if the team loses.
3. Be positive. Discuss performances in a constructive manner at an appropriate time. Focus on things the child did well. Don't dwell on mistakes.
4. NOT shout out instructions to pass, shoot, etc. Leave it to the coaches.
5. Never use abusive language or behaviour to any player, including your own child.

Obligations to the other team:

Parents and Spectators should:

1. Applaud the opposition or good play, not just your own team.
2. Respect the opposition players coaches and supporters.
3. Not shout or scream or use abusive language.

Obligations to the officials:

Parents and Spectators should:

1. Respect the referees and linesman's decisions.
2. Never argue with an official – even if you think their decision is wrong.
3. If you are fit and able – volunteer to run the line if you are needed.

Obligations to the Club:

1. Ensure your child has proper food and rest before a game. No late nights or sleepovers the night before!
2. Never act in an abusive way to an official, coach, manager or player in the club, and never use racist language or behaviour.
3. Support the club by attending matches and fundraising activities. The club is run on an entirely voluntary basis. Always volunteer your services before criticising others for perceived failings.

I have read and understood the above Code of Conduct and I agree to be bound by its terms:

Signed: *

Name (print):