

Mill Creek Optimist Soccer Club

Code of Conduct

- Our goal is to provide an environment for fun and learning in which we all work together to develop a positive experience for the children involved. Parents, we cannot do this without your help!
- Be your child's #1 fan. Offer encouraging words. Remind your child to focus on the process of improvement instead of wins/losses and scoring goals.
- Keep safety a top priority. Report to coaches all injuries or special circumstances that may affect your player.
- Show appreciation and kindness to our coaches, board members, concession workers, and other volunteers at the fields. Without them, our club could not operate!
- Let the coaches coach. You have entrusted the care of your player to the coaches, and they need to be free to do their job. Critiquing the coaches and "coaching from the sidelines" are confusing to children. This can actually cause a decline in his/her performance and growth as a player.
- Respect the officials and their decisions. Refrain from speaking to officials during a game. If you have questions or concerns regarding a referee, speak to your coach after the game or at practice. Referees are officiating to the best of their ability. Keep in mind, many of our referees are young kids without much experience.
- Exhibit good sportsmanship. Foster teamwork. Root for all players on the team. Teach your child to be graceful in victory and loss.
- Understand and display appropriate game behavior. Be supportive; cheer. Applaud good plays by your team and by members of the opposing team. Remember you are representing our club and setting an example for your child. Keep it classy!
- Attitude is everything! Be positive and encourage the kids. No booing or rude comments toward any players, coaches, refs, or other parents.
- Keep the game in perspective. Soccer should not be larger than life. If your child's performance produces strong emotions, suppress them. Take a step back and breathe! Soccer should be fun!
- Help us enforce the dress code. All players are to dress according to school guidelines while at the fields and on school property. Shirts are required (for both boys & girls) and must completely cover undergarments, including sports bras. Shirts that are cut down the sides are not permitted. Shorts should be modest in length, comfortable but not snug fitting. Players and their parents will be notified upon the 1st offense. If there is a 2nd offense, the player will not be allowed to participate until in full compliance with the dress code. Continued failure to comply may result in dismissal from the program.
- Help us to keep the soccer fields free of drugs, alcohol, tobacco, and pets.
- Support the program. Be positive. Volunteer.