



OKD PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT

The OKD Soccer Club is committed to maintaining a safe, inclusive, and professional environment that promotes the development and well-being of all players.

Parents and guardians hold a critical role in shaping their child's experience within the sport. Constructive and respectful interactions between parents, players, and coaching staff are fundamental to fostering a positive and professional team environment.

For the purposes of this code, "parents" refers to both parents and guardians. This Code of Conduct applies to all parents or guardians associated with the OKD Soccer Club, including those whose children are registered members. Parents are expected to adhere to these standards at all times during any OKD Soccer Club activity, including practices, matches, tournaments, or other club-related events.

Parent Responsibilities

- 1. Celebrate Achievements**
Acknowledge progress, effort, and milestones in their soccer journey.
- 2. Follow Organizational Rules**
Adhere to the policies and ethics of the OKD Soccer Club, Peel Halton Soccer Association, Ontario Soccer, and Canada Soccer.
- 3. Promote Sportsmanship**
Emphasize values such as respect, teamwork, cooperation, and fair competition. Praise effort, participation, and skill development.
- 4. Ensure Proper Equipment**
Make sure your child wears appropriate soccer attire, including cleats, futsal or turf shoes (as required), shin guards, and sport spectacles if needed.
- 5. Model Positive Behavior**
Conduct yourself with fairness, integrity, open communication, and mutual respect.
- 6. Discourage Profanity & Violence**
Never promote or engage in inappropriate language or violent behavior.
- 7. Set Realistic Expectations**
Focus on your child's enjoyment and development rather than winning.
- 8. Encourage Life Balance**
Help your child maintain a healthy balance between soccer and other aspects of life.
- 9. Protect the Club's Reputation**
Avoid any behavior that could harm the reputation of the OKD Soccer Club.
- 10. Reject Performance-Enhancing Drugs**
Never promote or provide performance-enhancing substances.
- 11. Build Confidence**
Support your child's skill development without comparing them to others.
- 12. Avoid Inappropriate Behavior**
Refrain from using profane, insulting, harassing, sexist, racist, abusive, or otherwise offensive language or behavior.
- 13. Follow Local Laws**
Adhere to City of Mississauga by-laws regarding alcohol and drug consumption in city parks and facilities.
- 14. Promote a Healthy Lifestyle**
Encourage nutritious food choices and an active lifestyle.
- 15. Uphold the Code of Conduct**
Support and encourage other parents to follow these guidelines.
- 16. Prohibit Alcohol & Drugs**
Never provide alcohol or drugs to minors at any club event, activity, or competition.
- 17. Prioritize Well-being**
Support your child's overall growth by ensuring proper rest, nutrition, training, and emotional well-being.
- 18. Show Respect**
Treat all individuals—including teammates, coaches, officials, volunteers, and other parents—with dignity, courtesy, and respect.
- 19. Comply with Smoking Laws**
Follow the Smoke-Free Ontario Act, 2017 regarding legal smoking and vaping areas.
- 20. Set a Good Example**
Demonstrate responsible behavior and encourage your child to do the same. You are primarily responsible for your child's conduct and attitude on the field.
- 21. Embrace Diversity & Inclusion**
Foster a culture of tolerance, inclusivity, and respect for all individuals regardless of background, identity, or ability.