

Parent Code of Conduct

Parents, Family Members, & Friends

We ask that you:

1) Please feel free to cheer and applaud. This is NOT a Silent league! But, no negative comments and absolutely no coaching. And, please, applaud good plays by the other team too.

Examples of coaching from parents: “shoot it”, “go with it”, “hurry”, “stop”, “go”, “next time...” Pretty much anything said to a player while he/she is doing it on the field with the intent of influencing what the player is doing or will do next time is coaching. We expect the coaches to wait until after a play is completed before “coaching” a player.

Examples of cheering from parents: clapping, “nice save goalie,” “nice shot,” “great move,” “good defending” ... It will help to learn more about the game to know what to cheer for.

2) Please refrain from coaching. Leave the coaching to the coach. By “coaching” we mean to tell a player to do or to not do something. Let the children play the game and learn on their own.

3) Do not tell the players to ‘kick it,’ “boot it,” “send it” or “get rid of it” during the games or the practices. Also, please do not cheer for kicking just for the sake of kicking. We are teaching the children to have a soft first touch, to control the ball, and to think on their own.

4) Avoid encroaching beyond the parent’s designated area (dotted line) until the game is completed.

5) Limit any and all comments to our referees to positive comments only. Many of our referees are young and new to the responsibilities of refereeing. They are human and make mistakes. Let the coaches deal with the referees.

6) Do not argue or make uncivil comments to or about the opposing team or its supporters.

7) Parents are responsible for any family members or friends who come to watch a game or practice.

8) Absolutely no alcohol or pets on the premises.

9) The JASA board members and coaches are tasked to maintain civility and conformity to the code of conduct, we are asking that you as a parent do the same. Please do not argue with board members or the coaches. If necessary, a person who cannot act civilly will be asked to leave the premises. Their continued relationship with JASA will be reviewed by the JASA board.

Please refer to the description of the division your child is playing in on the JASA website for a more detailed understanding of these requirements. Feel free to speak to a board member if you have any questions or concerns. I hope your child and you have a fun season.