

Plum Area Youth Soccer Parent Code of Conduct

This Parent Code of Conduct has been developed to clarify and define the standards of professional, ethical, and moral behavior from parents or guardians affiliated with Plum Area Youth Soccer (PAYS). Soccer is a wonderful sport and a passionate game. Parents and guardians should always remember that their attitude is contagious. PAYS encourages parents and guardians to be a positive role model, not only for their own child, but all players. PAYS promotes a fun and positive environment where players can develop both physically and mentally.

By registering a participant in one of PAYS programs each parent and guardian agrees to abide by the letter and spirit of this Parent Code of Conduct. Each parent and guardian is expected to set a good example to their child in his or her soccer development by adhering at all times to the following:

- Parents/guardians will not criticize the referee openly or directly before, during or after games, and will respect the referee's authority and decisions. Any criticism shall be done in writing to PAYS or PAWest with a copy to PAYS, not verbally.
- Parents/guardians shall not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player, parent, or spectator such as booing and taunting, refusing to shake hands, verbal or physical confrontation, or using profane language or gestures
- Parents/guardians will only give positive feedback to players. Parents/guardians will cheer at all games within the spirit of fair play and shall do their best to cheer the effort regardless of the outcome.
- Parents/guardians will be mindful in "lopsided" games where cheering their own "winning" team might be misunderstood
- Parents/guardians shall find the "little successes" that their child has during each game
- Parents/guardians shall do their best to teach their child to become a student of the game
- Parents/guardians shall support the learning effort of the players, the coaches and the referees by demonstrating patience
- Parents/guardians shall leave the coaching to the coach and shall do their best not to give their child instructions during the game. Commenting to coaches and referees during games will not be tolerated. Shouting directions or criticism from the sideline is confusing to the players and negatively effects the atmosphere of the game.
- Parents/guardians will not sit or stand on the coaches' and players' sideline during a game, unless invited by the coach.
- Parents/guardians understand that improper behavior at a game, practice or other PAYS Club sponsored activity may result in a parent/guardian being asked to leave the field or the event by a referee or PAYS Board Member in accordance with The Laws of the Game and the specific rules of PAYS and PAWest.
- Parents/guardians understand that should they behave in a manner that is rude or otherwise offensive the PAYS Board of Directors can, and will if necessary, administer disciplinary action which can include, but may not be limited to, verbal or written warning or suspension of individual privilege to be present during PAYS related activities including practices and games.