



Pumas San Bernardino Parent Code of Conduct

In order to ensure that the principles of sportsmanship, fair play, and mutual respect among players, officials, parents and spectators characterize all competition sponsored by Pumas San Bernardino and its affiliated leagues of play (Cal South, Coast Soccer League, US Club Soccer or tournament participation). It is the obligation of all team managers, program administrators, parents and spectators to create an environment that promotes this objective. Those who willfully violate this code jeopardize their participation in the Pumas San Bernardino soccer programs.

The parent's role is one of support to the players and coaches. Parents should not engage in "coaching" from the sidelines, criticizing players, coaches or game officials or trying to influence the makeup of the team at any time.

Every parent and spectator is expected to:

- 1) Show respect and courtesy to game officials, coaches and players at all times.
- 2) Regardless of personal feelings, never publicly criticize an opponent or a teammate.
- 3) Respect the game officials and refrain from questioning their decisions or from addressing them in a loud, disrespectful, or abusive manner. Do not blame the loss of a game on injuries or officials.
- 4) Cheer for your child's team in a positive manner, refraining at all times from making negative or abusive remarks about the opposing team. Maintain control of your emotions and avoid actions, language, and/or gestures that may be interpreted as hostile or humiliating.
- 5) Ensure that you child is at all games and practices at the required time or provide the coach with adequate information beforehand.
- 6) Parents and spectators are not encouraged to discuss coaching decisions, coaching strategies, other players, and problems with other coaches or parents *during the game*. Communication with the coaches is most productive when conducted off the field and in private.
- 7) Demonstrate appropriate behavior of sportsmanship at the conclusion of a game, win or lose. If we lose a game, give credit to your opponent. At least admit that on this given day or occasion, the opponent may have played better.
- 8) Teach and practice good sportsmanship and fair play by personally demonstrating commitment to these virtues.
- 9) Parents and spectators will sit\stand on the sidelines opposite from where the Assistant Referee (Linesman) is performing his duties. Keep a minimum of 3 yards away from the sidelines.
- 10) Alcoholic beverages, smoking or pets of any kind are not allowed in the field area at any time, practice or game.

I have read the Pumas San Bernardino Parent Code of Conduct and agree to abide by them.

Parent signature

Date

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Players Name:

Team:

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