

# **Code of Conduct**

## **For Parents**

The Henderson County Soccer Association (HCSA) supports youth soccer that is governed by a strong sense of individual and team sportsmanship. The following are some of the principles and guidelines of the expectations of HCSA.

- HCSA believes in the principles of fair play, ethical behavior and the right of every individual to fully enjoy the sport of soccer without undue interference from others.
- HCSA expects parents to comply with the referees' decisions, which are made in the best interest of the players on the field.
- HCSA realizes that participation in competitive activities is a source of strong feelings that often lead to misunderstandings and disagreements. However, HCSA believes that every participant has a duty to be respectful of competitors.
- HCSA expects its coaches, players, and parents to deal with conflicts in a spirit of good sportsmanship and to cooperate in promoting the enjoyment of soccer.
- Illegal, unfair, rowdy, violent, dangerous, and unsportsmanlike behavior will not be tolerated, whether on the field of play or away from the playing area.
- Referees are the authority on the field and have the right to tell parents and coaches to leave sight and sound of the field if they fail to follow the code of conduct.

**DON'T** shout instructions to the player with the ball.

**DON'T** try to control the game from the sidelines.

**DON'T** try to teach "aggressiveness".

**DON'T** abuse game officials or show disrespect for your opponent.

**DO** encourage players to use the skills they are being taught.

**DO** teach the players to coach themselves on the field.

**DO** teach the players the skills.

**DO** set a good example by cheering for both teams on the field.

Since HCSA activities involve children from a very young age and since children are influenced by the behavior of adults, adult participants will be held to the very highest standards of conduct. Any persons unwilling to abide by this Code should reconsider their involvement in HCSA activities.